

The General Meeting Minutes of the  
Common Ground Food Co-op Board  
Urbana-Champaign  
February 11, 2008

This meeting of the CGFC Board was held in the Illinois Disciples Foundation on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

Board members present: Katrina Bromann, Clint Popetz, Richard Antisdell, Ben Galewsky, Lisa Bralts-Kelly

Board members not present: Tim McHenry

### **Agenda Amendments**

There were no agenda amendments.

### **Blog Assignments**

2/15—Clint, on equity

2/22—Ben, on member loan program

2/29—Lisa, on strategic visioning

3/7—Katrina, on fundraising/donations/Prairie Table

### **Equity Increase Discussion / Decision**

First, we looked over the comment cards that were filled out in the store. There were only five, and all were positive with regards to the proposed increase, with the exception of one person's reservations concerning the elimination of the family membership, and subsequent subsidizing of family equity by individuals. This seems to be one of the main sticking points for people. In our current location, where membership means the ability to shop, the family membership served a purpose. In the new space, anyone can shop regardless of membership, and membership means the ability to vote. We decided that the members we bring to the new space will be committed to the idea of ownership and the ideals of the co-op, and therefore we will go ahead with the equity increase effective as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will put an announcement in the weekly Bytes, and Clint will write another blog entry for this Friday. We'll also advertise the meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM where we will vote to amend the bylaws to allow members to purchase more than one share of equity (not more than one vote) as a tool for fundraising for the relocation.

### **Relocation / Fundraising Update**

Clint and Ben updated the board on the progress of fundraising and build-out preparation work.

### **Board Self Evaluation**

We found ourselves in compliance with BMD #2a Unity of Control, BMD #2b Accountability of GM, and BMD #3c Delegation to GM.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

Failing to find a reason why we reschedule for March in the first place, we pushed back the strategic visioning process again. We want to avoid burnout and taxing people with too much co-op stuff at once. We will shoot for the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, pending Jacqueline's input; Lisa will

check with her to see if that date is okay. This puts the meeting right after the GMM (see next) and we can plug the strategic planning at the GMM.

### **GMM / Board Elections Planning**

No terms are expiring as of this election, but we do have one spot open on the board. We'd like to try really hard to get someone on the board this go-around. We split of jobs in preparation of the GMM and elections: Richard is GMM Coordinator; Lisa is Recruitment Queen; and Katrina is Documentation Master. The GMM will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and it will be a dessert potluck.

### **Policy Review: Local vs. Organic, The Co-op as "Gatekeeper"**

Due to low energy levels and illness, this discussion was postponed for a later meeting.

### **Two-week Check-in**

Those people who have jobs for the GMM / Elections will need to report on what they've done at the two-week check-in point.

**The next scheduled CGFC Board meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5:30 PM at the IDF.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Katrina A. Bromann  
Common Ground Food Co-op Secretary