

Meeting Minutes: Sierra Vista Natural Foods Cooperative Board, December 3, 2008 at AAI.

Present: Donna Boe, Steve Fletcher, Helen Patterson, Patricia Peterson. Janet Brady, Joe Allison, Jim Hust, Ken Bowles Absent: Kevin Peterson Guests: Margot Joy, Tom Hanley

Meeting was called to Order by Steve Fletcher at 6:00 PM.

Consent agenda Items: Consent Agenda items approved on a motion by Helen Patterson, seconded by Jim Hust. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. An email requesting feedback in regards to having a buying club had 25 responses supporting the idea and all of those responding stated they would be willing to volunteer. After further discussion about having a buying club, Donna Boe made a motion to move forward with the buying club, seconded by Helen Patterson. Motion carried. Helen and Janet will contact members offering to volunteer to have a meeting to establish operational guidelines for a buying club. February 1st is the date targeted for beginning.

New Business

- A. The use of a working group to process action/procedures for the store was discussed with no decision reached in regards to leadership and tasks of this group. A working group would have 15-20 members a mix of board members and members. The working group could have sub-groups i.e. membership, buying club etc. Ken, Donna, Patricia and Janet volunteered for the working group board representation. Need questions further at another meeting.
- B. A committee was formed to begin planning a loan campaign. Members are Steve, Kevin, Patricia, Joe, Jim and Ken. There were good suggestions in regards to keeping the membership up to date on when the campaign would began, so they have time to consider if and when they could make a loan.
- C. Information from the meeting with Bill Gessner (11/25) suggested that the co-op could start with at about 3000 square foot store keeping in mind that there is room for expansion. Joe will re do sources/usage and revenue projections for a smaller store. This will be an agenda item at the January meeting.
- D. All the above information will be used to establish what is Policy/Governance and Action/procedure to get the working group going.
- E. Member share book value is \$77.00

Next board meeting is January 7, 2009 at 1800 hours at AAI

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM made by Helen Patterson, seconded by Joe Allison, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Brady, Secretary