

**Meeting Minutes, Sierra Vista Natural Foods Cooperative Board, October 14, 2009 at AAI.**

Present: Amanda Baillie, Kevin Peterson, Patricia Peterson, Janet Brady, Joe Allison, Jim Hust, and Ken Bowles.

Meeting was called to Order by Kevin Peterson at 5:55 pm.

**Consent agenda Items:** Consent Agenda items approved, on a motion by Joe Allison, seconded by Ken Bowles. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. There has been a meeting with First West properties with no resolutions in regards to expectations from them or the cooperative.
- B. Open house was postponed.
- C. Amanda visited with the USDA representative in Green Valley. The results are the cooperative needs to obtain a loan from a bank and the USDA would then guarantee 80% of the loan. The cooperative would have to have 20% of the loan as equity. Joe and Kevin will make contact with some local banks to explore the possibility of a loan. It was suggested to contact the Arizona Community Bank in Phoenix in regards to a loan.
- D. Member loan campaign was discussed and until there is site commitment, it was decided to postpone the campaign.
- E. The revised business plan was approved on a motion by Ken to accept, seconded by Patricia. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

A. The Taste of Home cooking show is November 3, 2009 There will be 1000 bags handed out at the show. The cooperative will put an application form in the bag. Cost is 1000 for \$50.00. There was additional discussion in regards to increasing memberships. Patricia suggested giving a coupon valued at \$25.00 to purchase a share with the application sheet inserted into the bags. A motion was made by Ken to add this coupon with an expiration date of 11/17/2009 and seconded by Patricia. Motion carried with one nay. Amanda will follow thorough on having the coupon designed and printed. The cooperative will have a booth at the show and needs to contribute a door prize valued at \$50.00. The prize will be a basket filled with items available from the buying club and future store. Janet Brady will put the basket together.

B. The fund raising dinner on October 26 will be at the Knights of Columbus. Forty tickets have been sold to date.

Share value \$80.00

**Next meeting:** November 10, 2009, 1800 hours at Oberon

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM made by Patricia Peterson, seconded by Hoe Allison. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Brady, Secretary