

Meeting Minutes, Sierra Vista Natural Foods Cooperative Board, July 06, 2010 at Oberon.

Present: Amanda Baillie, Patricia Peterson, Janet Brady, Joe Allison, Judi Marshall, Jeffery Crandall, and Donna Boe, Kevin Peterson. Via phone: Jim Hust. Absent: Ken Bowles, Jeffery Crandall. Guests: Steve Fletcher, Albert Hopper.

Meeting was called to Order by Kevin Peterson at 6:00 P.M.

Consent agenda Items: Consent Agenda items approved, on a motion by Patricia, seconded by Judi Marshall. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. Albert Hooper reported about the needs for restoration of the building for a store. The electrical needs to upgrade to stage three at a cost of \$30,000. Mechanical costs are estimated to be \$15,000 looking at existing units and see if there is enough capacity, mechanical engineer has not seen equipment yet. There will be two handicap bathrooms and a sink for cleaning vegetables. Al suggested having the safe refurbished to use as a walk in cooler. Al will help with preparing the bids. After the information comes in from the Mechanical engineer plans will be submitted to the city. It is estimated the city will need 2-3 weeks to approve or make suggested changes. Al will request the city to delay fees until bidding is complete. Bids to contractors will go out after city approval. Construction is estimated to take three months beginning after Labor Day.
- B. The loan campaign will be extended until September 14, 2010 on a motion by Donna Boe, seconded by Joe Allison, motion carried. Total of loans to date is \$125,000 with \$27,000 committed. There is a need for additional loans to ensure this project will go ahead. There was a discussion about cost of a grocery cart and business advertisement on the card. This will be further discussed by the Layout and Inventory committee and guidelines will be established. Amanda is in the process of trying to renegotiate the contingency date for August instead of July with the building's owner.
- C. The Northcountry Cooperative Development Fund needs additional information to be submitted. This material will be submitted before July 29th deadline. There is a need to increase memberships and loans to improve the equity of the Co-op. The interest rate will be 8% and collateral for the loan will be equipment.
- D. Amanda already has office equipment and other items donated. She will send a list of items already donated and what other needs there are needed to board members. This will help to know what is still needed for future donations. Projected date of store opening is beginning of 2011.

New Business:

- A. There will be a fundraising dinner at Sophia's featuring local produce and products on August 3, 2010. Cost of tickets are \$60.00 and limited to 60 persons. There is a need to obtain co-sponsors and door prizes.

- B. There will be a showing of the 'Vanishing of Bees' documentary, August 21 at the Mona Bishop room at the library at 3:00PM. Co-sponsored with BAJA. Cooperative has bought the CD and will provide beverages.

ACTION ITEMS:

Joe is working with Bill Gessner on estimated figures for the store.

Donna and Amanda are working on equipment needs and prices.

Jim Hust will contact Amanda in regards to the copier donated and need to be picked up with a truck and Jim will store it.

Layout and Inventory committee meets July 12, 8AM Landmark Café.

Finance committee meets July 27th.

Donna will post email in regards to the need for two additional board members. Joe will be moving and Ken has health issue.

All members will assist with finding persons interested in making loans.

Share value \$70.00

Next meeting: August 10, 2010, 1800 hours at Oberon.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm made by Judi Marshall, seconded by Patricia. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Brady, secretary