**Sugar Beet Food Store Co-op Meeting Minutes**

7:00PM

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, March 22, 2015

Oak Park Library, Main Branch

**Board of Directors:** Bill Gee, Peter Nolan, Dan Beach, Monica Chadha, Chris Dowsett, Brian Hammersley, Judy Klem, Greg Marsey, Maureen Spain

**GM:** Chris Roland

**Public Agenda**

**Meeting called to order at 7:07**

1. Items for Approval
   * Meeting Minutes from 2/23/16 – Dan moved, Bill seconded; approved unanimously
2. General Manager's Report

* Sales growth real and consistent over the last eight weeks
* Will perform inventory end of this month,
* 34 new owners through 21 days;
* Owner appreciation day next Thursday
* Healthy Staples launched in January; moving 30% more items – dollar sales up 25%
* Next week we'll have fresh meat in greens cooler
* Good Food Fest this weekend – great tradeshow, lots of education – stop on by!

1. Board Elections/Annual Meeting

* Working on securing a location
* Applications due 3/31; we've gotten a handful of applications
* Peter said we want ambassadors

1. Finance

* CCLF: interest starts in December; principal payment beginning May 2017 ($6k, $3800 for a total $10k payment)
* We were up $4800 in January, that includes interest (that we didn't really pay this month, we paid it upfront)

1. Owner Comments

* Sharon asked about the survey; we are still working on it
* Mary asked about the parking lot next to our parking lot; she suggested making it a garden; Greg will follow up
* Daniel asked how votes work at annual meeting; one vote per membership
* Judy asked if there's a way we can get nutrition facts in prepared food sections; Chris said it is a goal that we are working toward
* Sharon asked if we would have any exposure to the candidates before the annual meeting; yes, blurbs will be up on website
* Sharon asked about the Farmers Row movie and was surprised we didn't highlight the Prairie Fruit cheeses; we didn't have it at the time, but we will do that
* Mary Ann asked about Amy's frozen meals – why do we only carry 2 or 3 varieties? Chris said it's a space thing, but we are getting 3 or 4 more shelves soon
* Chris' email is wrong on the website; we will change that
* Sharon had a question about gift cards – when do the sales get credited, when you buy a gift card or when you use the gift card? When you use the card
* Fatenah has not gotten charged for drinks when she orders drink and then shops
* Fatenah has used her discount early in the month and continues to get asked if she wants to use it
* Fatenah noticed that staff members wear the wrong nametags sometimes; Chris says he will talk to the staff about it

1. Closing
   * Confirm upcoming meeting dates
     + Saturday, April 30th
     + Tuesday, May 24th
   * Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm (Bill motioned, seconded by Bill)