

TPSS General Member Meeting

October 25, 2009, 5-8pm

TPSS Takoma Junction

Attendance: 6 Board members; 8 Board candidates; 11 staff; 10 other members

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Darby

Committee Reports:

1. **GM Search Committee:** The Search Committee has hired John Kidney as the new GM. Lorig Charkoudian explained the Committee's process, including extended in-store interviews with two candidates.
2. **Local Foods Committee:** This committee grew out of the Strategic Planning process. Committee members answered questions from the membership about defining "local" and the committee's plans. Because most of the co-op's decisions about local foods are operational decisions, the committee will make recommendations to the GM.
3. **Finance Committee:** The Committee is waiting for financial reports for FY 2009.
4. **Living Wage Committee:** The committee presented its process and members discussed current wages at the co-op.

Board Elections: Eight of the nine candidates for the Board introduced themselves to the membership: Ila Anon, Jim Baird, Nelson Graves, Janiece Kennedy, Mary Rooker, Rachel Timmons, Emily Townsend, and David Walker. David Burbank, a member, read the statement of Jerome Paige, who could not be present. Members asked questions to the candidates about their skill sets, conflicts of interest, and plans for community outreach.