

TPSS Board of Representatives Meeting

Date: October 23, 2016

Time and Place: 4:20pm, TPSS Community Room

Board present: Rachel Hardwick (RH), Robert Anderson (RA), LuLu Fulda (LF), Katie Parker (KP), Emily Townsend (ET), Melissa Schweisguth (MS), David Zuckerman (DZ)

Board absent: Adam Frank (AF)

Staff present: Abdi Guled (AG), Marilyn Berger (MB), Denise Cumor

Attendees present: Susan Cho (SC), Fred Feinstein (FF), Mary Rooker (MR), Kevin Schrodt (KS)

Minutes submitted by: Solveig Mortensen (SM)

RESOLUTIONS:

- The Board approved the September 25, 2016 open session Board meeting minutes as amended.
- The Board accepted the GM Monitoring Report L-3, compensation and benefits, as submitted.

At the onset of the meeting, the Board agreed to move the agenda item of the *nominations committee: election update* to the closed session meeting.

Open Member Forum: FF encouraged the Co-op to more robustly and visibly communicate the notable recognition the Co-op received at the NCG GM's meeting; the recognition was for being the number 2 Co-op in sales growth for the eastern corridor and having a uniquely high level of staff diversity.

GM Report: AG shared that the Interior Federal Credit Union ATM machine is now installed at the Co-op; since the last Board meeting, the Co-op's gained 36 new members; the Co-op's new Membership/Outreach/Marketing Manager, Denise Cumor was hired and is doing outreach and social media; and the Co-op is preparing for the increased business that comes at this time of the year. AG elaborated that the Co-op is exploring extending store hours to 11:00pm during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The Board conveyed that they had no questions regarding the monitoring report for L-3 and accepted it.

Policy Review: The Policy Committee confirmed that they will be reviewing their action items for the next meeting, including the one regarding the by-laws. The Board requested that the

Policy Committee address the action item that involved making a recommendation on the MC policies.

The Board discussed the procedures for ensuring that all committee minutes and Board meeting agendas are posted on the Co-op’s website. The Board also discussed providing more detail in the Board agendas for the public, for the known discussion items.

The Board reviewed upcoming events that they wanted to point out to new Board representatives. The Board explained that there will be a new Board representatives’ orientation and then in January or February a Board retreat. The Board also noted the November 5th Cooperative Café and January 21 CBL 101 training both provided by CDS as learning opportunities.

Member-Owners’ meeting: Board Representatives discussed how they felt it was a positive meeting and commented that the facilitation was very good and they enjoyed hearing about the credit union. Board and management agreed to address some of the members’ meeting questions in a future Co-op newsletter. They noted members’ interest in what makes the Co-op successful and how the Co-op determines certain aspects of the business, such as product margins.

Expansion Summary: MB reported that the Co-op’s expansion team, consultant, and architect have a meeting this Thursday, October 27 with Neighborhood Development Company’s team, architect, and perhaps engineer. In response to an inquiry on the activities of the Takoma Junction Community Consultation Process Advisory Committee, RA explained that the Committee observed that matters between the Co-op and Neighborhood Development Company have not recently shifted; so, they decided that there is not anything to arrange meetings about at this juncture.

Meeting adjourned 5:10pm

Term 2016:

<u>Rep.</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>
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Anderson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Brown	*	*	*	*	*	ex	*	ex	ex
Frank	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	ex
Fulda	ex	*	*	ex	*	*	*	ex	*
Hardwick	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Parker	*	ex	*	*	ex	ex	*	*	*
Schweisguth	*	ex	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Townsend	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Zuckerman	ex	ex	*	*	*	ex	*	ex	*

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