

Littleton Consumer Cooperative Society
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: Regular Board Meeting
March 22, 2021

Meeting convened via Zoom @ 5:03 pm.

Members Present: Wayne Ruggles, Jim Moore, Vanessa Robbins, Matt Whiton, and Deb Sullivan. .

Members Absent: Dani Shaw

Staff Present: Ed King, Chris Whiton, Minnie Cushing, Becky Colpitts, Annie Stuart and Melissa Bridges.

Guests: Casey Wilkins, Thomas Simpson, Scott Butterfield

1. Housekeeping & Governance:

- a. Wayne read Littleton Food Co-op vision and mission statement.
- b. Minnie and Ed proposed opening two accounts. One being National Cooperative Bank and Woodsville Guarantee Bank. Vanessa motioned, Jim seconded, and the board unanimously voted to approve.
- c. Jim motioned, Deb seconded, and the board unanimously voted to approve the February minutes. This includes the omission of any specific interest rates.
- d. Ed presented dashboard information.
- e. Ed went over GM compliance with B9 policy (emergency GM succession). Jim motioned, Angela seconded, and the board unanimously voted to approve.

2. General Manager's Report:

Financial Report:

- Sales YTD are up 12% over last year, but that increase will shrink as the year progresses due to the panic buying during the early portion of the Pandemic.
- February sales were \$39k over our budget. March is up \$23k in the first two weeks.
- Customer counts are showing a rebound, over 6,000 the last two weeks for the first time since October.
- Curbside sales are down as at risk customers get vaccinated and return to normal in store shopping.
- Our Dashboard will be updated later this month due to ongoing Audit work.
- A February 26th First Data outage resulted in some double credit card charges and some failed charges. We're working with ECRS and First Data to rectify these issues. We could face a cash loss not to exceed \$400.

Other Items:

- We are working with Stacey Doll and the NCC to explore the formation of a North Country Food Council.
- We are in talks with the Colonial Theatre about hosting a Drive In Movie in our parking lot.
- There was an Anti Mask Flash Mob incident at the Monadnock Food Coop last weekend. We are working with the Management Team to develop appropriate responses in case there was a similar incident here.
- The NCG free coupon direct mailing continues for the rest of the month. Response has been positive but below our projections.
- Our Webcart development continues, with over 4,000 items inputted.
- Our new department scales have been installed. Plum software will be activated over the next couple of months.
- We have done some painting in the store in areas that needed it badly.

- New Produce displays will arrive by the end of the month, delayed 2 weeks.
- New service meat cases have been ordered, ETA TBD.
- We'll be closed for Easter, during which our floors will be stripped and waxed.
- Our Auditors will be here next meeting, bring your accounting questions.
- Our \$2 an hour appreciation Bonus continues, we'll extend it through next month.
- New Town Manager Controversy. Sign a petition or send a letter or both.
- Wage study update, still waiting for our revised version.

3. Board Topics:

- a. C3 (calendar planning) board monitoring policy reviewed and discussed.
- b. Calendar planning: 4/26- Auditors visit
4/28- Candidate night
5/13- Annual Meeting
- c. Update on Annual Meeting committee.
- d. Chris shared his wonderful experience at NFCA meeting via zoom.
- e. Deb gave an update of the Nomination Committee. Candidate interviews are due April 15th and there will be a Candidate night on April 28th. Calendar is in board drive.
- f. Board candidates introduced themselves.
- g. Wayne shared his education piece; a Columinate video on the history of Co-op's.

Deb motioned, Vanessa seconded, and the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Executive session held for GM evaluation committee to discuss summary with the rest of the board.

The April meeting will be held April 26th at 4:00pm to accommodate auditors.

Respectfully submitted by: Vanessa Robbins, Secretary