

**Chester's Community Grocery Coop
Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 2007
White Rock Church, Franklin and 3rd Streets, Chester, PA**

Meeting called to order 6:07.

Present: Tina Johnson, LaRaine Branch, Ken Wright, George Brown, Rod Powell, Alton Loper, Rob Auerbach, Tara Jones-Stephens

Excused absences: Jack Cavanaugh

Ken proposed approving agenda.

Rob seconded.

All approved.

Committee Follow-up and Updates

Membership Committee Update presented by Mr. Loper

We plan to start-up the Church Liaison committee meetings again and revive that initiative.

Joan Broadfield will send out weekly memos to everyone with email notifying of them of the next membership committee meeting.

Ken suggested we send out an agenda with notification.

We need to get our members more involved in recruiting new members. Most of the Farm Fresh Market sales are to non-members. Ken suggested making a 2 cent flyer to put in each nonmember's bag when they are shopping at the Farm Fresh Market. Tara is to call about getting the Farm Fresh Market set-up to accept EBT cards.

Rod and his wife are going to notify membership via email about signing up for work slots at the Farm Fresh Market and to notify them of orientation meeting. We need more members working at the Farm Fresh Market.

Rod is to set-up orientation meetings at the Palmer House and Citizen Tower, apartment complexes in Chester.

Next orientation meeting is August 23 at Community Hospital at 7:00 pm. Bill Strine and Hal Taussig will be attending to find out more information about the Coop. They are interested in supporting the Coop.

Membership meetings will be at 5:15.

Ohev Shalom

The Farm Fresh Market brought in \$150 from the \$500 scripts Ohev Shalom bought for FMC. We have issued another \$500 they bought for the Bernadine Center.

On Sunday night Ken and Tina met with two people from Ohev Shalom – to discuss donating/loaning money to the Coop. Ohev Shalom would collect money from individuals who want to support the Coop. Ohev Shalom would then use the proceeds they collect to make us a loan.

Ken presented a financial needs and sources report. We need \$1,400,000 to buy the building and outfit it. The sources of funds would come from a combination of owner's investment, owner's equity loans and bank loans. He will present this to Ohev Shalom at a future meeting to discuss the loan program.

Swarthmore Methodist Church

On Sunday September 16 we will give a presentation at Swarthmore Methodist Church about the Coop and Farm Fresh Market. They are sponsoring the Farm Fresh Market on September 22. We need 5 board members at the Church.

Farm Fresh Market

Board members need to sign-up with Mr. Loper for a day to assume responsibility for the Farm Fresh Market. We need to have sufficient help signed up for the day in order to hold the Market that day. Rod and Lena Powell will be trying to get members signed up for a month's worth of time. We are looking for 12 volunteers – 4 to set-up, 4 to sell, 4 to breakdown. If members are unable to help at the Market, they can run an orientation meeting.

Rod will start calling people tomorrow. We will review if this is successful over a 2 month period. We will do a preliminary review at next Board meeting.

Next General Membership Meeting

Next General Membership Meeting will be October 1, 2007 at 7:00. The location is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 7:46.

Next meeting will be September 10.