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GreenTree Cooperative Grocery
Monthly Board Meeting
March 17, 2021 6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting (Video Conference)

Present: S. Christensen, MJ Conway (chair), Ray Davies, Angie Felton, Mike Lents,
Jennifer Souva, Janet Sturm

Absent: Leslie Hildebrandt, Lee Ruffino, Stacy Saul,

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

- Check in
- Agenda
- Approve February Minutes
 - M. Lents motioned to approve the February minutes; J. Souva seconded. Motion passed.
- Member Input
 - A. Felton cheered the cute candles and jeered the soup.
 - M. Conway asked if staff was eligible for vaccinations. S. Christensen guessed about half the staff had their first shots.
 - J. Souva and a work friend are happy the Eggless Egg salad is back.
- GM/Report – S. Christensen
 - February sales were up 6.97%
 - Grants and Capital Campaign
 - GreenTree was not chosen for MMDC's "Match on Main" grant program. The decision was based on the number of jobs that would be created by GreenTree's ask, and GreenTree asked for the grant to purchase a new point of sales system.
 - GreenTree was approved for the Lake Trust Credit Union's "Make it Mt. Pleasant" rent subsidy (\$4,200).
 - S. Christensen is applying for an MDARD grant.



- Two people reached out for the virtual dinner. S. Christensen will follow up with them.
- S. Christensen penciled in May 14th as the Annual Meeting date.
- S. Christensen is running for the NCG board again.
- M. Lents motioned to acknowledge receipt of the GM/Report; R. Davies seconded. Motion passed.
- Monitoring Report: A
 - M. Lents motioned to table Monitoring Report: A until the April meeting; J. Souva seconded. Motion passed.
- Board Monitoring Report: C2 –
 - No discussion
 - J. Sturm motioned to approve Board Monitoring Report: C2; R. Davies seconded. Motion Passed.
- Word from the Board – Election/Bios?
 - M. Conway offered to write a blog post to recruit new board members. J. Souva encouraged him.
 - S. Christensen questioned if the Statement of Board Candidacy was collecting the appropriate information. A. Felton mentioned how there was a disconnect between what was asked on the form and what her actual duties were, particularly related to fundraising.
 - The board discussed removing questions 3 & 4 and adding a summary. S. Christensen will write up a summary.
- “Leveraging Owner Advocacy for Co-op Expansion”
 - M. Conway encouraged board members to read the article.
 - R. Davies noted that the article told stories about community support regarding city approval and he feels we are beyond that point.
- Executive Session
 - J. Sturm motioned to enter executive session; M. Conway seconded. Motion approved at 7:09 pm.
 - M. Lents motioned to exit executive session; J. Sturm seconded. Motion approved at 7:34
- Adjournment
 - J. Sturm motioned to adjourn; R. Davies seconded. Motion passed at 6:25 pm