

In attendance: Marni, Charlie, Luther, Mark, Rodney, Chris, Melissa, Kristina, Minnie, Trish

1. Please speak up – the new building meeting room is hard to hear in
2. Accepted last meeting minutes
  - a. Luther & Mark motion and second the minutes
  - b. Motion passed – minutes accepted.
3. Annual Meeting Planning – Melissa
  - a. Review the annual meeting agenda
  - b. Please arrive by 4PM to help set-up
    - i. Meet and greet the candidates as they arrive
    - ii. Candidates can wear pins so people know who they are
    - iii. Fill out your name tag
  - c. Minnie needs a board member to volunteer at the voting table
    - i. Charlie will be Minnie's volunteer
  - d. Chris proposed moving the ballot table in the store to the Service Desk.
4. Grand Opening Planning
  - a. Full Week
  - b. May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Each day will have a new sale item, big displays, samplings, etc.
  - d. Direct mail campaign week before the event
  - e. Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> big bash
  - f. Chris – would the board like to form a committee to help plan the ribbon cutting.
    - i. Famous people to invite? Stephen Colbert? Obama?
      1. Trish will contact Mo the Clown for the Saturday event
      2. Trish volunteered to create a press release to send out to politicians
        - a. Ed or Kristina will send Trish event times ASAP.
        - b. Special invitation to member lenders
  - g. Marni - Gesture of Thank you to member lenders
    - i. Private tour for lenders – focus on energy upgrades
    - ii. Wine & beer cocktail party in employee break room
    - iii. Send our invite (mail or e-mail?)
5. GM Report
  - A. Experienced 34 K loss in Q1. Margins fell short due to lower than expected free placement items in expansion, and a challenging inventory crew that might have resulted in a bad inventory count.
  - B. Labor was over budget by 31K.
  - C. Utilities showed a significant savings, hopefully due to our refrigeration doors and LED lighting. It is too soon to be sure though due to not all the refrigeration being online.
  - D. Cash flow is in good shape with 1.457 Million in the project disbursement account and 481K in reverse and operations.

- E. The termination of memberships of members who are caught shoplifting was discussed. A motion was brought to the board by Mark and seconded by Luther allowing management to terminate the membership of members caught shoplifting without the need for board approval. The president of the board requested that she should be informed of any termination resulting from shoplifting. The motion passed.
- F. The topic of continuing our subscription to the Cooperative grocer magazine was brought up. It was decided to reduce the amount of copies we purchase and to share the copies we do get. A motion was brought by Marcie and seconded by Charlie. The motion passed.
- G. Minnie presented the quarterly financial report. Luther motioned to accept and Marcie seconds, the motion passes.

Marcie moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM and Luther seconds. Motion passes.

The next meeting will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> at PM at the Coop break room.

Submitted by Kristina Zontini and Mark Hollenbach.