

Bloomington Cooperative Services
Annual Meeting Minutes
Clubhouse at The Fields
Tuesday October 9th, 2018

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by BCS Board President Maggie Sullivan.

Maggie began by welcoming everyone, giving a rundown of the evening's agenda, and reading the new Ends statement.

Susie Tanney, BCS Board Secretary followed, displaying the draft minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting. She moved to approve the meeting minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting. Gracia Valliant seconded. The membership voted in favor, and the minutes were approved. Susie then moved to accept receipt of the annual meeting announcement for 2018. Dedamia Whitney seconded. The membership voted in favor, and receipt of the annual meeting announcement was approved.

Angela Babb, BCS Education Chair followed, presenting a financial update in place of Bobbi Boos, Treasurer. Angela shared celebratory news of the co-op's first fiscal year end with positive income since 2013, as well as a reduction in Accounts Payable, to which the membership applauded. She continued, recognizing the difficult rightsizing efforts made in the past year. She thanked the membership for their continued support of Round Up for Bloomingfoods, with over \$31,000 donated at the register to fund the co-op through the summer season. She provided an update on the co-op's debts, noting that loans from both German American and to the City of Bloomington continue to be paid on schedule. Loans from member-owners remain unpaid, however, and BCS intends to begin payment on these as sales and available cash increase with organizational efforts in the coming years. She closed with a sparkling cider toast, recognizing the hard work and sacrifices of the community in BCS reaching it's current state of success and being honest about the long way the organization still has to go.

Pam Weaver, BCS Board Vice Present presented the Bill Krejci Award to Board Member Caroline Beebe for her dedication to Bloomingfoods as a founding owner member who has maintained her commitment to the organization through 42 years of involvement as both an owner member and a multi-year board member.

Dee Bohler, Interim General Management Team Member, gave an update from the IGM team. She explained how and when the team was put in place following prior GM Tony Alongi's resignation in January of 2018. She recognized the hard work done by many in the last year: the Board's increased involvement, the membership's continued commitment, and staff's remarkable flexibility in the face of plenty of internal changes. She closed with a charge for membership to continue to be involved in every step of BCS's future, saluting how much has changed for the better in the past calendar year.

Nancy Lethem, owner member and Bloomingfoods Cooperative Community Fund committee chair followed to explain the BCCF and to award this year's \$1000 grant funding a project of environmental sustainability. 2017's grant was awarded to the Farm to Family Fund. Farm to Family Fund board members Janice Lilly and Deborah Piston-Hatlen gave a short presentation sharing the mission of the Fund, thanking BCS for the previous year's funding, and detailing what a difference the grant funding made in 2017. Nancy Lethem returned to award the 2018 BCCF grant to The Center for Sustainable Living. The grant will be used to fund a project planting native fruit and nut trees in Bloomington

neighborhoods. Andrea Avena Koenigsberger, president of The Center's board, acknowledged the support of the Bloomington Community Orchard and other local organizations in developing and facilitating this program, inviting the membership and the greater community to be involved in the planting effort this year. The theme for 2019's BCCF grant is creating and nurturing community, and submissions will be open from July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019.

Maggie followed, announcing election results. David Parkhurst, Tosh Lewis-Young, and Gerry Hayes will be joining the board of directors. The proposed bylaw changes were passed. The Positive Change recipients for 2018 are: Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, The Community Kitchen, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Shalom Community Center, Sycamore Land Trust, Area 10 Agency on Aging, and MCCSC Food Assistance Fund.

She ended the meeting by reminding membership to pick up a yard sign and to enjoy the provided meal, and thanking all for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Tanney
BCS Board Secretary