

Prickly Pear Food Co-op
Meeting Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting - July 27, 2023

In Attendance: Heather Rische (President), Marlena Benjamin (Secretary), Avi Burg, Myra Vandy, Sulome Anderson, Paula McAlister

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. Review June minutes, proposed edit to include discussion on local food sourcing and meeting Frontier Food Hub driver. Motion to approve, with addition, by Heather, second by Marlena, motion carried.
3. Old Business - Discussions
 - a. Order Form - discussed a couple changes, and it is ready to launch for the next order.
 - b. Volunteer Coordinator - Reaching out to Kate to see if she would be interested in this, Sulome will partner with her if she is. - update Kate agreed.
 - c. Legal documents - will work on this at the work sessions.
 - d. Member meeting/fundraiser - moving to the work sessions.
 - e. Member Bios - board members reminded to work on these for the website.
 - f. Farmers Market - we say we should be in attendance, still looking for a volunteer
4. New Business - Action Items
 - a. Motion to purchase the domain, pricklypearfoodcoop.com, at a cost of \$20 per year, and host our website on Squarespace, at a cost of \$16 per month, to be paid annually. Motion by Heather, second by Sulome, motion carried.
 - b. Membership fees and transfer discussion moved to the next meeting.
5. New Business - Discussion
 - a. Local food sourcing, yes we want to expand to do this but we really need to focus on getting a grant to pay an order coordinator first.
 - b. Membership and share cost - this is an ongoing conversation, there is a possible discrepancy on the membership form. We need to identify what share/equity mean to the coop and determine the values of each.
 - c. Values and alignment with partner organizations - we discussed this, Marlena emphasized that it is important to operate as board members and represent the interests of the organization, not our personal values and opinions.
 - d. Grants and fundraising - we created a Grant Committee - Myra, Sulome, and Heather, at the June meeting. This committee will take the lead on this and we will move more of this work to the work session meetings. Marlena mentioned doing a community cookbook as a fundraising option.
 - e. Work sessions - we are going to start having regular work sessions between meetings. Work sessions will be held on the second Thursday of each month, at 1:30 pm, and Board Meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 1:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at Studio de La Luz, unless otherwise planned.
6. Next work session is scheduled for **August 10, 1:30 pm, Studio de La Luz.**
7. Next meeting is scheduled for **August 24, 1:30 pm, Studio de La Luz.**
8. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes drafted and submitted by Marlena Benjamin, Secretary.