

THE ISLA VISTA FOOD COOPERATIVE

Board of Directors Meeting

December 19, 2016 at 6:00pm

Held at the 970 Community Room

At 970 Embarcadero Del Mar

Board Members Present: Lisa Oglesby (LO- President), Ann Wisehart (AW- Treasure), Emiko Corey (EC-Secretary), Kent McClard (KM), Janet D. Stich (JDS)

Board Member Absent: Ashcon Minoiefar (AM- EVPLA Representative) and Johnny F. Sacko (JFS)

Staff Present: Melissa Cohen (MC-General Manager)

Member Present: Royce Sharp

Guest: Blake Johnson

Meeting start: 6:09pm

1) Approval of agenda for December 19, 2016 <6:09pm>

- Add Item 2a) Sun Pacific Information

Motion to approve agenda as amended. EC/AW 5-0-0

2) Announcements <6:11pm>

- EC is starting a new job in January that might impact Board involvement. Tuesday is only day off during the week. Will FaceTime if travel is not possible

2a) Sun Pacific Information

- BoD and GM want to feel confident about the equipment being purchased. Blake came to answer questions and discuss equipment.
- Sun Pacific is a local company that is committed to installing high quality equipment.
- We are look at tier two solar electric panels. Not top of the line, but not poor in qualify. They have a great product warranty.
- Sun Pacific will do a very good job with installation.
- Estimated \$3500 and \$4000 of savings every year.
- Panels are a standard size, so when our lease is up in 20 years, the infrastructure will be in place and it would be easy to upgrade.

Blake leaves at 6:26pm

- When GM receives revised lease from Re-Volv, she will distribute to the Board. We are aiming to do the installation in March.

3) Approval of Minutes from November 29, 2016 <6:32pm>

- Item 8) third bullet point, change "b" to "be."
- Change length of meeting and end time of meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as amended. LO/KM 5-0-0

4) EVPLA – AS Agreement Update <6:34pm>

- Ashcon and GM have not been able to meet.
- GM may try to meet with Aaron Jones, advisor, and Ashcon.
- The student representative as we discussed that has two components: operational and Board. How to make this situation work? Could we have one student do only the operational component? Can we do two students one for each component?

- Should the EVPLA have an appointed voter on our democratic Board even if they are not able to come to meetings?
- Bridge connection beyond the partnership. Looking at developing relationship and context with student involvement. EVPLA could be our campus liaison to help co-op find student that could be improved Board participation?
- Need to look at balance of the Board with regards to elections, Board turn-over, and voting power. At an election there could be a majority flip and we could lose continuity of the Board.
- Good discussion about staff liaison and staff member who could be on Board. More discussion to come.

5) Board Calendar <6:54pm>

5a) Strategic Planning Committee

- Raw data compiling and translation still needs to happen. Open meeting for Strategic Planning committee in January. Invite staff to join committee.

5b) 2017 Board Election

- Board search has been announced through e-news, website, and in-store. FB will be posted tomorrow.
- Elaine Forrester may be interested; she has been an involved member.
- Move back timeline 1-2 weeks to give committee a little more time to publicize and reach out to more members.
- Candidate Convergence and Membership Drive or another type of outreach. Board will contact Marissa.
- "Why are you on the Board?" outreach push to create story to inspire others to join the Board.
- LO will send out an updated Election Planning Timeline.

5c) Annual GM Evaluation

- LO and MC will meet to discuss format and timeline in January.

5d) Board Retreat

- New and past Director participation. Time for reflection.
- Goal: Board has been functioning and doing tasks, but there hasn't been the opportunity to reflect, process, and inspire. Since we are doing big thinking, can we get past getting work done.

6) GM Report <7:28pm>

6a) Monthly Monitoring Report

- Sales are flat this quarter. There has been a lag in growth, but we are hopeful and looking at ways to boost sales next quarter. Raises come into effect January.
- Co-op Basics are bringing sales through volume. Margin (39%) is what is more important than sales numbers.
- Notification about Tenting: Add termites and highlighting our building ownership.
- Helpful for Board to know about GM involvement with NCG Meeting in February.
- Linkage of NCG Western Corridor Boards. How Boards can help support a co-op in crisis?
- Story of the co-op would be an important story to write.

6b) Re-Volv Update

- See above.

6c) Quail Springs Capital Land Management Fundraiser

- Going to put this on hold.

- Isla Vista Youth Project is in need of funds to get their mortgage paid and we would like to support them. Can we use Twin Pines money? Yes.
- LO will gather information and email out a Board Motion.

6d) Walk-in Cooler Update

- Table until next month.

7) Meeting Scheduling <8:14pm>

7a) January Executive Session

- None.

7b) January Board of Directors Meeting

- Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30pm in the 970 Community Room.

7c) Election Committee Meeting

- TBD earlier in January.

Meeting length: 2 hrs 18 min

End time: 8:27pm

Minutes taken by Emiko Corey, Corporate Secretary

Minutes unofficial until approved by Board Motion