



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – May 9, 2018

Ten Pin Building Mezzanine, Arcata

Board Members present: Colin Fiske, Cheri Strong, Mary Ella Anderson

Member-Employees present: Emily Walter, Laurie Talbert, Travis Morgan

Members present: None

1. Welcomes and Review

At 6:51pm the meeting was called to order by board member Colin.

2. Approve Minutes

Consensus reached to approve the April 2018 minutes.

3. Member Comments

Anonymous member not in attendance – would like the Co-op to stop using paper cups entirely.

4. Energy Planning – Reported by Travis

Travis thinks it's possible to save \$1,000/month when we change the way we purchase our supplies. This comes close to offsetting going to 100% renewable energy.

- Colin mentioned having a plan in place for updating solar in Arcata.

ACTION: Travis will contact RCEA (Matthew Marshal) about medium scale solar.

5. Mission Linen – Reported by Travis

Travis reported that he's looking into what system there is/isn't for ordering supplies for both stores. His initial efforts are focused on the Eureka store. Travis plans to meet with Mission Linen as soon as he's completed gathering information.

- Cheri - why don't the food handling gloves have prop 65 warnings?

- Travis is implementing new cleaning systems for employees to implement at the department level to allow janitorial staff to be more efficient. Together we can create cleaner stores at no extra cost.

6. Encouraging Employees to Use Reusable

The May Co-op Thymes has an article about how employees must bring their own containers to take home free hot bar/deli items and that all free items must be checked out at customer service. The employee handbook is currently being rewritten. The group wants to make sure that there will be information in the handbook about reusables.

7. Agreements

Recommend to the Board: Ensure management are encouraging and emphasizing cooperative and environmental values in job postings, interviews and orientation.
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8. Next Agenda Items

Leah will chair the next EAC meeting.

- Transportation Survey (Laurie)
- No cars on the plaza (Mary Ella)
- Mission Linen / Generating savings for renewable energy (Travis)
- Solar Planning/RCEA opportunities

9. Review: Next meeting will be June 13, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm (*Minutes by Emily Walter*)