



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

Zoom

Present at meeting

Finance Committee: Kirsten Lindquist (Treasurer - Employee Director), Diane Sharples (Member at Large), David Dahler (Member at Large), Laura Wright (Director), Ahmed Foggie (Secretary), Thomas Wehland (Employee Director), Chris Copple (Member at Large), Leah Stamper (Vice President)

Staff: Emily Walter, Barney Doyle, Sean Nolan

Members: Kathleen Pelley, Robert Jan van de Hoek, Lori Brannigan

1. Welcome

Meeting started at 6:03pm by Kirsten Lindquist. Introductions were made.

2. FY22 Budget

Barney described the process of creating the presented FY22 budget.

There was discussion of where employee discounts should show up in the budget.

Discussed revisiting financial benchmarks.

<p>Recommendation to the Board: Adopt the FY22 budget (see attachment A).</p>
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<p>Motion by Chris, 2nd from Diane, motion passes (8/0/0).</p>

3. Update on PPP Loan - reported by Barney

We are still in discussion with Wegner on this topic. They say the income is a benefit and the board must decide how it effects patronage.

Chris noted that Sub Chapter T of Federal law defines patronage refunds based on member sales which the PPP income is not.

ACTION: Barney will look into what the Federal law and California law say on this topic.

4. C Share Change Update – reported by Sean

The board approved temporarily discontinuing the sales of C shares starting the start of fiscal year 2022 at the March board meeting. Staff are in the process of updating materials and have been contacting members that regularly invest in C Shares. We are looking into different ways of structuring shares in the future.

ACTION: Sean will look into how patronage refunds will affect C shares.

ACTION: Sean will have Alex contact Lori to discuss options for share investments.

5. Member Comment on Reports

- Thomas – I still see value in investing in B shares.

- Chris – the purpose of the Co-op is to be a grocery store, not a financial institution. This is an inconvenient change in share structure for some members but it's a necessary business decision.
- Kirsten – expressed gratitude for members who have been purchasing B shares and supporting the Co-op.

6. Set Future FC Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Quarterly Finance Committee Mtg. - Thursday, May 27

Agenda items:

- FY21 fourth quarter financials
- Audit update
- C share update
- Approve FY22 Second Quarter C Share Dividend
- Review financial benchmarks for potential updates

7. Meeting Adjourns

Consensus reached to adjourn the March 25, 2021 meeting at 7:09pm.

Minutes submitted by Emily Walter