



September Board Meeting Recap — submitted by Cheri Strong

During member comment period, member Lisa Blandford urged the board to be vigilant about investigating the state of the Co-op's finances. Board President Colin Fiske responded that we now have financial statements we can trust. Member Roger would like to see more transparency when an employee loses their job; since we're all owners of the Co-op we should be able to know more.

KHSU update: The board received a response from Peter Fretwell at KHSU. The board declined to take any action at this time and will remain an underwriter at KHSU.

There was a request from member Pam Brown to oppose Arcata's Measure M. Measure M would keep the statue of President McKinley on the Arcata Plaza. After a lengthy discussion about interrelated topics such as racial equity, indigenous people, privilege, and colonialism, a vote was taken. A motion endorsing NO on Measure M and acknowledging the damage colonial culture has done to indigenous people of the world passed. The vote was six in favor and one abstention.

The Food for All proposal was brought back to the board. The proposed program would provide a discount to anyone that qualified as low income. The program would in part be funded by ending the senior discount program. Ultimately, given the financial health of the Co-op, it was decided to table the program and get expert financial analysis of what it would actually cost to offer discounts on a larger scale.

A racial equity consultant was engaged by the Co-op to see where we are at as an organization. A proposal was developed to focus on institutional racial equity. Following through on the entire proposal would cost \$11,000. The board authorized James Kloor as a point of contact to work with staff to further the racial equity proposal in a vote with five in favor and two abstentions.

Nominating committee: There are eight candidates running for two seats on the board. The election starts October 2. There will be an election kick off on October 6, 6-9 pm, during Arts Alive! at Eureka Books. Members are encouraged to attend. The election runs through October 24. Please take the time to read the candidates statements in the upcoming election guide and VOTE!

In the General Manager's report, it was disclosed that we have just over two days cash on hand. The board discussed the levels of cash on hand and what steps we will have to take to bring that number back up to acceptable levels.