

MVFC Board Meeting at Coffee Cann Cafe Friday, January 12, 2018
Attending: Swanna, Laura, Kathleen, Suzanne

Welcome board members back from travels. First board meeting since Annual Meeting in October.

Announcements:

Request for someone to call in to the January 22 Start Up Call. Kathleen will do so. Suzanne will send the email with document to read and call in information.

Kathleen will report back to the board about discussion during that call.

Reminder of possible date for Start up Workshop in Keene, NH Saturday, May 5, 2018. Details will be forwarded when received from NFCA.

MVFC replied to the PBS request for written interview for their program about co-ops. Production date not known and will be shared when available.

Speaker series/ Demos:

Decided to start with a series of 3 workshops to be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the afternoon, if possible for logistics: Feb 18, March 18 and April 15, 2018.

Laura will ask Mill City Cheese Mongers, Carolyn's Kitchen, NH Seafood and Celeste Olivia about their continued interest and availability. Suzanne will followup with Battlegrounds to see availability and if they are still interested. Suzanne will also ask Heather McMann if Groundwork Lawrence would be willing to donate their Community Kitchen space in collaboration for some events. Suzanne will ask Assabet Village Co-op about their ticketing rates for their past events. Kathleen will ask Amesbury Community kitchen about interest in collaboration as well.

Open Studios event in December

Laura recapped the event she and Suzanne attended in December. They followed a similar format that worked well at Better Block and got several more email signups, held a raffle for people signing up and did the grocery store survey. Many people attending were interested in the concept and wanted to learn more. They were there about 4 1/2 hours on that Friday night.

Board Meeting Scheduling

Board decided on a set meeting schedule and location to help with much needed board recruitment. Suzanne requested the help of Jacqueline from Food Coop Initiative and will ask again since we need a larger board, more involvement and help.

Board meetings will be publicized in our newsletters and Facebook events and held at Suzanne's house at 4pm on the 4th Sunday of each month, unless a holiday or other conflict comes up.

They will be potluck style and dates are:

Jan 28, Feb 25, March 25, April 22, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend), June 24, July 22, Aug 26, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25?, Dec 23?

Financials

We just received a bill from Janice for the barn rental. We must complete a full accounting of the bills to reimburse from Savor Haverhill to submit to the Haverhill Cultural Council grant. Suzanne will return all financial info to Swanna and confirm totals.

Board agreed to hire Anstiss and Co to ensure that all our past tax filings are complete and accurate. Payments were made, but Board wants to make sure paperwork is correct.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm. Next meeting will be at Suzanne's on Sunday, January 28 4pm. Suzanne will send an email and invite other members to start taking a larger role in the co-op.