

Cortes Co op Minutes
May 15, 2014

In attendance: Ray, Madhurima, De, Theresa, Russ, Josée, Jenn, and Eric

Minutes from last meeting:

Madhurima approved – Theresa seconded. All in favour.

Guest Report:

Helen: Reported we have had 16 new donation adding up to \$5500.

Helen will volunteer to sit at booth at Seafest

Helen will be on Gary Cork's radio show. Russ will join her.
Helen is finishing communication report.

Agenda -

Added local products policy and CMHC (Canadian Mortgage and Housing) grant update.

Josee moved to approve. Russ seconds modified agenda. All approved.

Financial Report

Café- trying to make really appealing lunches.

Financial report shows we are on the right trajectory for a successful summer.

The store will stay open until 8 and then the café will be open 4 days a week.

Short Discussion about Closure of CCCU

CMHC Grant first 5k spent split between Sandra Wood and Krista Ma.

Fundraising Report:

De will edit language of the online article to reflect that the challenge is that the bank /lender doesn't view the prepays in the way the co-op views the them as generous gifts.

De will respond to Derek's letter to the board.

Land Purchase:

We learned from SD72's Secretary-Treasurer, Kevin Patrick, that a lease extension is possible. We authorized Eric to ask him for standard lease renewal.

AGM:

Strategic Plan is needed for AGM

Eric will review budget and numbers of land purchase account with Helen and will send out to board.

Alternative Greywater system:

Handles grey and black water waste. Greenhouse over a lined pond /evapo-transpiration bed. There US EPA papers about it. It has been installed in areas where they want to be more conscious.

Would need to do some more research on it and to see if the 50K grant we have received could be used for this system.

Ray makes a motion for Sandra to check with the grant organization if this is acceptable. Theresa seconded. All in favor.

De will write the note to Sandra.

Local Vendor Policy:

Eric has proposed some changes and the next steps are to continue talking to staff and to hold a meeting with local vendors.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 5th