

Coop Members for Fairness  
Town Hall Minutes  
Station 20 West Meeting Room  
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of the Chairperson
  - David as the chair thanked everyone for attending.
  - Minutes recorder: Michael.
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - Participants approved the agenda.
3. Highlights of the Wed. July 17, 2019 meeting
  - Rob reviewed the highlights.
  - Moved to accept: DJ, seconded: NS, carried.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - Jason read a letter from Ashlee expressing her thanks for the support of the CM4F in her bid to win a seat on Saskatoon Co-op's Board of Directors.
  - In his report Jason noted that we are running a small deficit of approximately \$80.00 and the room rental for one meeting is \$150.00.
  - Moved to accept: Jason, seconded MJ, carried.
5. Dan read a statement in which he noted among other things
  - His position with respect to the strike, his disagreement with the CM4F and his treatment by the Co-op's Board and Grant Wicks.
6. Tim Quigley's Letter
  - Tim received a response from the Board in which the Board Chair suggested that he meet with the Co-op's lawyer.
  - Tim stated that the main point in our dispute with the Co-p Board is not one centered on legal questions but one of Co-op members having democratic control of their Co-op. However, he would be willing to meet with the lawyer if a CM4F representative would accompany him.
  - Rob voiced his appreciation to Tim for his work and encouraged him to continue his participation with CM4F.
  - Carroll cannot divulge Board proceedings publicly.
  - DJ asked if the Board's suggestion to meet with 'us' is a strategy to deflecting our concerns away from those about democratic control to legal arguments as to how the Board oversees the management of the Co-op.
  - David thanked Tim for his letter.

- It was agreed that Tim would write to the Board telling it that a discussion between the Co-op's lawyer and him would not resolve the question of who controls the Co-op, the membership or the Board and the Co-op's CEO.
  - Tim's initial letter, the Board's letter and Tim's follow-up letter are posted on our website.
7. Rob's motion
- At the end of the town hall, Rob asked that his motion be deferred until the next meeting.
8. Introduction to Planning
- Meredith spoke about the seven themes that had been established David, Liz, Meredith and Michael using information that had been suggested by the membership at the July 17 meeting.
  - Meredith facilitated the Mission Statement theme as a warm-up exercise for demonstrating how the work of each small group might proceed. Leta was the scribe for this group.
9. Small Group Planning
- We took about 45 minutes.
  - Finances: facilitator Bob, scribe Terry.
  - Communications: facilitator Jackie, scribe Leta.
  - What's our Identity: facilitator David, scribe Darcy.
  - Relationship with Carroll and Erika: facilitator DJ, scribe Roger.
  - Finances: facilitator Bob, scribe Terry.
  - Communications: facilitator Jackie, scribe Leta.
10. Reading the Walls
- Participants took about 10 minutes to move about the room reading the flash cards created by members of each of the small groups.
11. Erika's Comments
- She stated that she and Carroll were pleased to attend this Town Hall, will share the work of the Board when they are able to will continue to fight for progressive changes at the Co-op and thanked people for their diligent work.
12. Next Meeting
- Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:00 pm at Station 20 West.