

Coop Members for Fairness
Town Hall Minutes
Station 20 West Meeting Room
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of the Chairperson
 - Bob moved that Terry be approved as chair; 2nd by David; carried
 - Terry thanked everyone for attending.
 - Minutes recorder: Michael
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Glenn moved that the agenda be approved; 2nd by Lee; carried
3. Summary of the Previous Town Hall
 - Terry provided a summary of the Wednesday, November 20, 2019 meeting.
 - Rob will post versions of the mission statement and ask people to respond with their comments with in 7 days.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - No update was given, as the Treasurer was not present.
5. Review of Committee for New Board Candidates
 - Frank stated that we have 3 possible candidates and are seeking 4.
 - Each candidate would email their bio, their qualifications to serve on the Board and a statement of how they see the future of the Saskatoon Co-op. This information would be posted on the website.
 - David encouraged any members of CM4F to come forward as potential Board candidates and be endorsed by CM4F.
 - At the February Town Hall each person who has expressed interest in being endorsed would make a 2-minute presentation.
 - Rob suggested that each potential candidate be interviewed and photographed with the interview and photo published on the website. Each candidate must agree to the interview and photo and its publication.
 - Erika suggested potential candidates should support the resolutions that will be submitted to the Board and be aware that the work commitment of Board members is significant and the term of service is 3 years.
 - Tara recommended that Carroll and Erika give an oral and written primer to potential candidates.
 - By attending the February Town Hall each member of CM4F vets the candidates.
 - The date of the next AGM is in doubt, but likely in April or May.
 - Liz asked that an invitation to potential candidates be posted on the website.

- Michael G stated, “the political terrain has changed” and FCL will be prepared for the CM4F.
- Erika suggested that the potential candidates have a role in recruiting new members to CM4F.

6. Resolutions to 2020 AGM

- Harold’s number 1 resolution is instituting a different method of electing Board members.
- Terry’s number 1 resolution is education centred on co-operatives.
- Erika recommended a “priority sequence” to the list of resolutions.
- Harold and the other members of the Resolutions Committee will meet and bring the resolutions listed in order of importance to the February Town Hall.
- Erika encouraged us “to focus” on our goals.
- Matthew’s key goal to the election of at least 3 new Board members who have been endorsed by CM4F.

7a. Freedom of Information (FOI) Request

- Liz reported the Co-operatives Act is not included in the Privacy Act and therefore, a FOI request to make Board meeting minutes public is not possible.

7b. Delegation to Attend Board Meeting

- Instead of sending a delegation to the Board, David moved that the election of Board members endorsed by CM4F be our primary focus; 2nd Glenn; carried.

8. Unifor Presentation

- Kevin Bittner made a presentation about the lockout of Unifor members at the Co-op Refinery Complex. The central issue in the dispute is the preservation of the defined pension plan. Bargaining had taken place 23 times before management locked the union members.
- To demonstrate our support for the Unifor local the following resolution was moved by Lee, 2nd by Bob and unanimously carried.

Whereas the current lockout at the Co-op Refinery Complex (CRC) affects the bottom line of all retail co-ops including Saskatoon Co-operative Association,

Whereas oil refinery profits are essential to all retail co-ops,

And whereas the Co-op Members for Fairness (CM4F) strongly support the locked out refinery workers of Unifor 594,

Be it resolved that the CM4F strongly urge the Saskatoon Co-operative Association Board of Directors to exert any and all of their

influence to resolve this lockout and direct the Co-op Refinery Complex management to get back to the table to negotiate fairly with these workers.

9. Next Steps

- Finance and Fundraising will provide a budget at the February Town Hall.
- Identity and Communications will be working on a mission statement.
- Resolutions will prepare a list of resolutions for the next town Hall.
- How to Get the Vote Out will be addressed at future Town Halls.
- Frank and David will make a plan for how candidates are selected and endorsed.
- CM4F focus is the election of 4 new Board members.

10. Next Town Hall

- **Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7:00 pm at Station 20 West.**

11. Motion to adjourn was made by Glenn.