



MOCO Celebrates National Co-op Month with Annual Meeting

The Morrisville Food Co-op (MOCO) held its ninth Annual Meeting to celebrate national Co-op month and the MOCO community. The National Co-op Month theme this year was “Co-ops: By the Community, For the Community.” This theme was echoed in the message to the fifty-four member-owners and guests who gathered in the Lamoille County Civic Center on October 16 for MOCO’s social and annual meeting. Attendees were able to visit with other member-owners, enjoy delicious appetizers and pies prepared by volunteer member-owners, and vote for the Round It Up for Change Program beneficiaries and for Board of Director candidates.

Last year, the Round It Up for Change Program raised over \$3,000 for three different local, non-profit organizations. Customers have the option to round up to the nearest dollar each time they check-out to donate to this program. This year, one Board position will need to be appointed. However, Tricia Follert and Kelley Lyons were each elected to serve a three-year term.

The emphasis of community continued during the business portion of the meeting. Attendees received information from Board members and the General Manager, Mike Hauser on how MOCO is doing as a vibrant member of the community, on the financial front, and what accomplishments and challenges were faced over the past fiscal year. They were also regaled by guest speaker, Kari Bradley, General Manager of Hunger Mountain Co-op, who highlighted several points of pride for MOCO and underscored the importance of the impact of co-ops to their local communities. The overall message was that while MOCO is doing well on several fronts, we need member engagement in order to overcome unanticipated expenses and stagnation in revenue growth.

The Morrisville Food Co-op is a community-owned food market, committed to the health and well-being of people, emphasizing local and organic products and supporting a dynamic community, open to all.