

MoCo's 2020 Annual Meeting

With a nod to COVID-19, the Morrisville Food Co-op (MoCo) held its Annual Meeting virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, October 21st. The forty-plus member-owners in attendance received a detailed, informative report about the co-op's past year and current goals from the board, committees, and new General Manager, Taylor Evans.

The Nominating Committee introduced board candidates – Mark Andrews, Rachel Funk, Larry Gibs, Elaine Harvey, and Cari Varner – and explained how voting for the board, for a bylaw change to add a student board member, and for the Round It Up or Change program are being conducted this year. The Member Loan Committee reported that \$20,000 of the start-up loans members made in 2016 have been forgiven and approximately \$40,000 of the loan debt due in 2021 has been redistributed to later years. The Member Engagement Committee described its work up until March 2020, when activities shifted due to the pandemic.

Board Chair Elly Ventura, gave an overview of MOCO's accomplishments and challenges over the past year and expressed appreciation to board, staff and volunteers for stepping up to help. Treasurer Nancy Banks reviewed the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, which shows lower revenues as well as lower expenses. A call for action to was issued for members to spend \$8-10 more per shopping trip, as this has the potential to put revenues in a stronger place. GM Taylor Evans conducted a virtual "tour" of the store, highlighting a number of changes and improvements and describing things "in the works."

At the end of the meeting, attendees received a survey link to gather their feedback, suggestions and questions. About 60% responded. The results of the survey will be discussed by the new board and GM at their November meeting, followed by a report back to members.

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.