

Member Input at 10/30/11 Plainfield Co-op Annual Meeting (from meeting minutes)

The following members brought suggestions or concerns which we discussed.

Lucy: Suggestion: Have a format for making suggestions to the staff and board in addition to the current blackboard space and in store communication. Suggestion: have a suggestion box and a staff member dedicated to reading and directing suggestions. Feedback: The blackboard can be messy and not inviting. Sometimes a member wants to pursue an issue beyond the initial explanation. Some ideas take more time and space than the blackboard allows. Suggestion: Have a staff person focused on member issues. Doni will take this item where it needs to go. The staff asks that people include their name and e mail when making a suggestion.

Joey: To urge our coop to source organically grown items as much as possible. Discussion: Our Ends policies say we will have healthy and local food. It is a big dilemma for buyers and not just a frivolous decision. Non-organic items are chosen only when organic items are prohibitively priced. The primary goal for using a new distributor is to source more affordable organic groceries.

Daniel: With the downturn in the economy folks have less to spend. Think about long term planning in how you price things. Sometimes things are cheaper here and we should let people know. Idea: have signs that say “competitive price” or “check out this price”.

Renee: There are significant changes currently underway at the Riverbend Store in North Montpelier. There could be an opportunity for our co-op such as utilizing the commercial kitchen there. Renee is the contact person on this.