

Agenda - November 12, 2018

East Lansing Food Co-op Board of Directors Meeting

- **Introductions** – Board, Affiliates, Owners, Visitors
- **Approve 10/15/18 Board meeting minutes:** Draft minutes are posted on the Google drive and website (under the “Governance” tab).
- **Staff Update:**
 - **Weekly Expenses report**
 - **Credit union balance** as of 11/9/18: \$106,104
 - **EMBA – Accessing final project report**
 - Saturday, November 17. Lunch is at noon. Opportunity to see poster summary of student projects, including ours! If you are interested, Peggy is willing to contact EMBA director Greg Janicki on your behalf.
 - Erin Pierce needs to know our December board meeting date so the team can discuss its findings with us as a group.
 - **MIFFS “Meet the Buyers” reception reminder:** event takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in Grand Rapids at the GLEXPO conference (December 4-6). This is an opportunity to meet growers of all kinds. Contact: <<https://glexpo.com>> for more info.
- **Michigan Good Food Summit – 10/22/18:** what did we learn from this?
 - Notes on Flint Fresh partnerships emailed to Board by Peggy on 10/24/18
 - Notes on some lightening talks & on using data emailed to Board by Anbo on 10/30/18.
- **“Making It in Michigan”** trade show on November 8. Marshall & Peggy attended and will report on this MSU Product Center-sponsored event featuring lots of value-added Michigan products/vendors.
- **Buying Clubs: report on meeting with Kirk Green on October 29.**
 - Notes on this meeting were emailed to Board by Peggy on 11/2/18; Anbo’s were emailed on 10/30/18; Marshall’s emailed on 10/31/28.
- **Partnerships & networking (See email with attachments from Peggy dated 9/14/18 and resent on 10/15/18.**

- Clarify goals of project, since partners must be selected based on their capacity and willingness to help us meet very specific objectives arising out of our vision for the project.
 - Does Board want to clarify and/or expand the project vision to include:
 - EMBA final report could influence our vision/objectives
 - Buying clubs (Kirk's idea or a variation of it)
 - Review and revise document "Project Challenges/Partners with Solutions." What challenges need to be added? Which potential partners?
 - Prioritize and start arranging meetings with potential partners.
 - Discuss approach to talking to partners.
- Advisory panel: Are there names on the network list who should we approach to sit on an ELFCO advisory panel?