

# Oshkosh Food Co-op

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## Upcoming 2017 Board Meetings

### March 29

OFC Board Meeting [7:30-9:30]  
Location: 817 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh

### April 12

OFC Board Meeting [7:30-9:30]  
Location: 817 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh

### April 26

OFC Board Meeting [7:30-9:30]  
Location: 817 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh

## NEED TO KNOW NEWS: Here's what's going on with the Co-op!



### 1. **SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting! Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Over **98** people have already RSVP'd to be there! Check your inbox – you got an email with a link to let us know if you can make it! You won't want to miss the fun – vendors, music, food, and Co-op community!

### 2. **SAVE THE DATE: Co-op Grow Op 3.0! Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If you've agreed to recruit people for this event, your invite packets have been mailed! And we can get you more invitations if needed! We want to FILL THE ROOM and grow our Co-op!



### 3. **Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting.** We have 4 candidates for 3 open seats. Please read the candidates' statements, which can be found on our website, and give some thought to who would best represent you as we move forward!

We will be offering electronic voting prior to the Annual Meeting so stay tuned for details on that!

### 4. **CSA sign up!** Don't forget, Oshkosh Food Co-op members get a 5% discount with Good Earth Farm. This is one of our Member Benefits we offer before the store is open! Your membership is valuable and we want you to make the most of it!



## One Thing To Do to support your Co-op!

**Get your 3 people recruited for Co-op Grow-OP!**



We have over 200 Owners who have said yes to helping us recruit for Grow Op 3.0!

Don't wait – start sending out those invitations, have those conversations and get folks RSVP'd!

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## Representing Oshkosh Food Co-op NATIONALLY!

Board members **Brenda Haines** and **Kelly Matthews** were asked to present on our fantastic and innovative Member Events. We presented at the Up and Coming Food Co-op Conference in Milwaukee, WI, on March 11<sup>th</sup> to a PACKED ROOM! Energy was high and a number of other start-ups were inspired by the session which focused on our Co-op Grow-Op model, our Meet and Greets, and more. Some have expressed their interest in coming to Grow-Op to see first-hand our Oshkosh team in action!

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### What has your board been working on this month?



1. We are super busy with planning all our upcoming events – **here's our Dream Team stuffing envelopes for Grow-Op 3.0** invitations and we have another awesome planning team taking on all the details for our Annual Meeting – it's people like you who help make these events fantastic!

2. We had a number of **presentations and tabling** events to different interested groups – Farmers Market, AAUW, and one on one conversations. We will be speaking with Neighborhood Associations in the near future too! Does your company do Lunch and Learns? Know of a wellness fair? **You can invite us to speak with your group!** We'd be happy to make it happen! And *thanks to Planet Perk* for hosting our Meet and Greet in February!

3. We continue to participate in our **bi-monthly Co-operative planning calls** to network with other Co-ops – the next call is happening on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-4PM. We learn about board skills and management, managing expectations as we grow our Co-op, and more!

4. We have **3 board meetings** in March – these regular meetings ensure we keep moving forward. If you are interested to see what happens at a board meeting, they are open to all Members. Stay for as long or little as you like.

**This month, I've been especially honored to be part of the Oshkosh Food Co-op as it played a role on the national food co-op start-up scene – we're doing good work that being recognized to help build membership and community. We're inspiring people around the country and those here in Oshkosh – let's open a co-op!**

On behalf of the OFC Board,  
Kelly Matthews, OFC President

## In the Community

### Winter Farmers Market

Come see us at Merrill Middle School at 108 West New York Avenue, in Oshkosh. **Find us there April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> – we'd love to see you! Did you know you can sign up to be a Member-Owner at our table at the Farmers Market?**

If you bring your checkbook, you can fill out a brochure, leave a check, and leave the Market an Owner of the Co-op!

If credit cards are more your speed, you can access our payment plan (\$11/month or pay in full via our website).

Wear your Co-op t-shirt to the Market (and other places) with pride!