

Oshkosh Food Co-op

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

1. SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting! Monday, April 3rd. (Really, we wanted to call it Annual Party and Celebration of Oshkosh-Awesomeness, but our bylaws require something a bit more formal!) More details will be forthcoming, but there will be food, music, and exciting updates! Don't miss it!

2. SAVE THE DATE: Co-op Grow Op 3.0! Monday, May 15th. This year's evening event is going to inspire! We have some BIG PLANS, and with your help, we are going to make some big things happen for the Co-op this Spring!

3. Our Co-op has grown to a total of over 360 members. New members include a dairy farmer (Pickett) and a Co-op supporter (Neenah)! We're excited because the Co-op's impact extends far beyond Oshkosh into the Fox Valley and beyond.

4. Planet Perk at City Center Meet and Greet on Saturday, Feb 25, from 3-6PM – **this informal event is geared for you to bring someone who might be interested in joining the Co-op. If they join, they get a gift card (and YOU get one for bringing them!)** Plus, it's a chance to mingle and meet other Co-op Member-Owners, hear updates on what's going on with the Co-op, and get any questions answered. Some snacks will be provided. (Did you know Planet Perk owner, Ken Osmond, was a Co-op Member Owner?)

5. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. All Members received an email on January 30th with the requirements for any interested candidate. Co-ops are successful because of strong boards who represent the Owners and work in the best interest of the Co-op!

Upcoming 2017 Board Meetings

March 1

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

March 15

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

March 29

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

One Thing To Do to support your Co-op!

Mark Your Calendar!!!



Please take a moment and put our important up-coming dates for the celebratory Annual Meeting and our fabulous Grow Op 3.0 on your calendar NOW – what makes these events work is that we get to do them WITH YOU!

Building community while we build the store

We give a big shout out to volunteer Allison Davis who coordinated our Cause An Effect Chipotle Fundraiser – the Co-op will receive 50% of the proceeds of all the folks who mentioned the fundraiser when ordering, just like **Member-Owners Michelle and Jeff did (photo, right)**. Thanks to everyone who turned out! We'll share the tallied amount when we get it from Chipotle!



What has your board been working on this month?

1. Every January, your elected board sets aside a day for strategic planning on a large scale – and at our **Annual Retreat on Jan 29th**, we continue the tradition of the OFC Board Selfie. This year we are **celebrating Blue Door Consulting's award-winning graphic design work on behalf of the Co-op.**



2. We **continue the Pro Forma process** – this comprehensive financial process puts our working plans for the Co-op into spreadsheet form, which in turns helps us for planning, decision-making, and will create a solid foundation when we need to meet with lenders and financial institutions for loans and capital



for our project. We are in our **3rd round of conversations with Pro Forma expert, Bill Gessner** (pictured), from CDS Consulting, as well as board members and **two other volunteer Member-Owners** with a knack for financials and spreadsheets.

3. We had a number of **presentations and tabling** events to different interested groups – Farmers Market, Horace Mann School in Neenah, and more!

4. We continue to participate in our **bi-monthly Co-operative planning calls** to network with other Co-ops – the next call is happening on February 13th from 3-4PM.

5. We have **2 board meetings** in February and three more planned for 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.

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 March 11th and April 8th – 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!