

Bannerman Green Co-op Membership/Community Building Committee

Meeting Minutes - April 7, 2021

Attendance – Connie Koenker, Brad Nance, Eleanor Thompson, Judy Wasylycia-Leis

1. Membership as of April 7th is 49 members and 19 friends,
2. The Community Building survey generated 17 responses, all of whom expressed an interest in small group gatherings over coffee in a backyard or the park in keeping with pandemic health guidelines. Some interest in zoom chats and walking in twos or threes. Brad and Eleanor agreed to host a zoom chat with a couple of new members on April 9th and Judy and Connie will plan an outdoor coffee chat sometime end of April or early May.
3. Regarding the issue of membership fees in cases where cost is raised as a barrier to joining the Co-op, it was agreed to recommend a process consistent with the description in our brochure which states “if cost is a barrier please contact the Co-op and alternative arrangements can be made”. This will mean that when a concern about cost is raised or a request for a waiver of fees is made, the name of that person will be forward to Eleanor Thompson who will discuss options for payment and report back to the membership committee.
4. Further to a request from the Finance/Fundraising Committee for a list of individuals and organizations to be approached for letters of support, members agreed to forward suggestions to Judy who will compile and forward to the Finance Committee.
5. It was agreed that the production and distribution of a second brochure be held off until the Co-op application has been dealt with by the City. Brad informed the committee that Louise Thiessen has agreed to ensure the printing of our next leaflet at no cost to her or to the Co-op.
6. The committee continues to encourage all members to send out information about the co-op to their own networks utilizing wording found on our website.

