

Whole Earth Grocery Cooperative 45th Annual Meeting

March 21, 2019, United Methodist Church, River Falls WI

Potluck was from 6:00 to 7:00 Attendance was approximately 55 people.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00. Robin Boles, WEGC Board Chair welcomed the assembled.

The minutes of the 2018 WEGC Annual Meeting were approved by voice vote.

General Manager Peter Heussler presented the State of the Coop. (attach?)

Ken Meter of the Crossroads Resource Center in Minneapolis presented on Community Based Food Systems and the relation to cooperatives. "Systems of exchange that strive to bring food producers and food consumers into affinity with each other ...For the purposes of fostering community, health, wealth, connection and capacity." He suggested that part of self defenses in growing your own food, and that we measure success by the quality and quantity of network connections within our coop community.

He stressed the multiple Benefits of Coops"

- Those communities with the greatest social capital are most resilient
- Coops are an excellent way to build social and commercial connections
- Coops are locally owned
- Democracy required holding power over food supply
- Coops build stronger economic multipliers

The results of the election for Board Members was that Lindsey Baris, Tonya Schmitt, Baard Webster and Cheryl Nelson were elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12