

EEFC Volunteer Program Discussion Feedback

I would like to express the following comment to those who were present [at the Nov. 6th meeting]:

- “It is refreshing to be at the event where all people were able to be heard. It was unclear, wish it was clearer, as to what the possibilities for changes to the policy could be.”
- “Great meeting! And the only problem is we need more! Board and management, please let us know all the specific consequences you saw on the horizon if the program continued---financial, legal, operational, personal... as a first step (towards making up for putting risk to the business ahead of democratic member control), share everything you can with us now about the problem so that we can understand and help you search for a solution. We can't just let pizza be a vegetable. We understand your hard work to help the Co-op survive the antagonistic world it is stuck with, but one of the Co-op's primary missions is to be a pioneer and bastion of the world it would rather be in. Without that, what is 'surviving'?”
- “‘The Co-op is my tribe,’ as Mary Schinhofen once told me. I want to be involved in our tribe’s decisions!”
- “Thank you!!” -Amy Krege
- “... Mike kept saying, ‘we had to, in good faith, in good faith, in good faith,’ towards a Labor Department that (god bless it) has never shown the slightest interest in us. The Board’s good faith should be towards the members.”
- “Community is slipping away. I noticed MAD Day disappearing... then the faces/people in the mural in front of the store gone... now nixing of the volunteer program.” –Deanna Hitchcock
- “Thank you all for coming + thanks to the board for their time & concern.”
- “There should be an open deliberative process for making decisions with such a wide impact on the membership.” –Rose Lynd
- “I applaud all of us for being passionate about this – let’s continue to resolve this and continue a long-standing tradition of coop volunteerism.” – Marc Virostek #5214