Food Matters Manitoba Board Meeting

April 19, 2022 – 5 pm

**Present:** Kirsten Earl McCorrister (chair), Curtis Brown (secretary), Erin Crymble (treasurer), Brenna Shearer, Alison McCullough-Butchart, Michael Salomons, Cynthia Neudoerffer

**Regrets:** Kaylee Michnik, Ramogi Nyonje

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
2. Board appointments
3. Approval of meeting agenda
4. Approval of February 15, 2022 meeting minutes
5. Financial Report
6. Executive Director Update
7. New Business
   1. Board recruitment strategy
   2. 2022-23 Budget
   3. Vision/mission statement
   4. Signing authority
8. In Camera
9. Adjournment

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| 1. Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement   Kirsten called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm | | | | |
| 2. Board appointments  **MOTION:** To appoint Alison McCullough-Butchart as interim vice-chair | | Moved by: Brenna  Seconded by: Cynthia | **CARRIED** | |
| 3. Approval of amended meeting agenda | | Moved by: Alison  Seconded by: Brenna | **CARRIED** | |
| 4. Approval of minutes from February 15, 2022 | | Moved by: Curtis  Seconded by: Brenna | **CARRIED** | |
| 5. Financial Report and Approval  **Motion**: To approve the March 2022 financial report and the unaudited 2021-22 financial statements | | Moved by: Erin C.  Seconded by: Curtis | **CARRIED** | |
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| 6. Executive director’s update | | Rob provided his final update to the board (separate document). | | |
| **Action Items** | | **Who** | **When** | |
| Explore opportunity to have a fundraising activity in updated front yard space at FMM office once this is finished | | Fundraising committee/executive | ASAP | |
| 7. New Business | | | | |
| 1. **Board recruitment strategy** | The board discussed the current composition of the board and the need to recruit new members. There will be eight members as of June and there is an opportunity to find three additional people.  The board discussed skills required and how to go about recruiting new people. Some of the questions asked included how to improve the diversity of the board, particularly to ensure there is Indigenous representation as well as someone who has lived experience with food insecurity. Some of the skills prioritized included individuals with practical knowledge of decolonization, as well as people who have connections to larger organizations that may be able to secure funding for unrestricted funds. Having new Canadians and individuals from rural Manitoba were also seen as potential priorities.  The board agreed that finding new board members is a priority and the members of the executive will work together to identify potential candidates, as well as engage with Volunteer Manitoba to run another ad. | | | |
| **Action Items** | **Who** | | | **When** |
| Work on recruitment channels and solicit names of potential new board members | Kirsten, Alison and Curtis | | | ASAP |
| 1. **2022-23 budget** | This portion of the discussion was tabled, with board members to vote on the budget via email once it is ready. | | |  |
| **Action Items** | **Who** | | | **When** |
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| 1. **Updated vision/mission statements** | The board discussed the adoption of the updated vision and mission for Food Matters Manitoba | | |  |
| **Motion: To adopt the proposed vision and mission for the organization:**  ***Vision: Sustainable food systems, rooted in food justice***  ***Mission: To collaboratively advance perceptions, policies and practices towards equitable food systems***  **Moved: Kirsten**  **Seconded: Cynthia**  **CARRIED** | | | |  |
| **Action Items** | **Who** | | | **When** |
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| 1. **Signing authority** |  | | |  |
| **MOTION:** To add Alison McCullough-Butchart as a signer to the bank account | **Moved: Curtis**  **Seconded: Brenna** | | | **CARRIED** |

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| **Adjournment**  **Alison moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm** |