

Brighton Food Co-op Newsletter

December 2017

Hi Members!

Distribution last Thursday went smoothly and quickly since the UNFI truck arrived at 12:10! Hopefully, that is the beginning of a trend!

Please be sure to read the following: BFC is sort of at a crossroads. Our membership is down and consequently our order totals are down. We have two essential positions that need to be filled. Gina can no longer serve as treasurer and Terra can no longer take on Creswick ordering and distribution. Amy is willing to continue as president and I am willing to continue as secretary, but we cannot function without a couple of members stepping up and taking on the treasurer and Creswick roles.

In addition, we need to figure out what steps to take that will allow us to continue as a co-op with our reduced membership and then hopefully what we can do to increase our membership.

At last week's distribution we decided the following:

- ❖ We will skip the January 3rd distribution as well as the next Creswick order which had a December 30 deadline for ordering.
- ❖ Our next distribution will be January 31. The website hasn't been updated yet with ordering deadlines but once it is I will send out an email.
- ❖ We will postpone our annual meeting until the January 31 distribution.
- ❖ We need ideas from members as to how to move forward. For example, it was suggested last week that we could possibly transition to an every other month ordering cycle. We hope that members will let Marilyn know their feelings about that proposal.
- ❖ We need to know if members want to continue their membership in 2018. We certainly hope so! We don't want to lose anyone! Please email Marilyn with your intentions and/or attend the annual meeting on January 31. If we don't hear from you we will have to assume you do not intend to continue your membership.

Here are some things to keep in mind when ordering:

- ❖ Check, check and double check your **UNFI** order to **make sure you check “split”** if you do not want an entire case of a certain item. This is **REALLY** important!

- ❖ If you have an issue with any product you ordered through the co-op be sure to notify the board immediately. Copy your email to all three of us:
 - Amy: ammom70@gmail.com
 - Gina: ginabarnowsky@gmail.com
 - Marilyn: mmitchell1945@aol.com

As always, if you have a comment or suggestion about co-op please contact Marilyn. The board is always looking for ways to improve the co-op experience for our members!

