

Brighton Food Co-op Newsletter

January 2015

Hi Members!

Hope you are managing to stay warm on these chilly days! Spring can't come soon enough! We had a great distribution last week and had the UNFI truck not been late, we would have been done in record time. Even so, distribution went quickly and smoothly!

Here's all the co-op news you need to know:

Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting was held during distribution on January 7. Michelle Kaloustian (President), Denise Hauk (Treasurer) and Marilyn Mitchell (Secretary) were re-elected. Members approved a proposed change to the by-laws which would increase board member compensation \$2.00 each per month.

In addition, Michelle announced that beginning in January, shipping/mileage costs for Creswick and Almar will be split among those ordering, which is consistent with our other outside vendors. Creswick charges \$5.00 per month and Denise picks up Almar which results in \$14.00 in mileage. Members will split those costs based on dollars spent.

Membership renewals: We hope all of our members will renew! Our co-op is only as strong as our membership! If you have friends or relatives who are interested in joining the co-op, please have them contact Marilyn at 810-231-0195 or mmitchell1945@aol.com.

According to the by-laws, members must renew by January 31. Those who ordered in January had the \$20 in membership dues added to their January statement. If you didn't order in January, please send a check made out to Brighton Food Co-op to Marilyn Mitchell, 8792 Evergreen Rd., Brighton 48116. Or, if you are ordering in February, just let Marilyn know and your dues will be added to your statement.

In addition, please notify Marilyn if your address, email address or phone number(s) have changed.

Food Club: Food Club, which has been a free service, is requesting a donation of 1% of sales each month. We may choose not to pay and still use Food Club; however, we would be subjected to advertising. The decision was made to pay the 1% as a cost of doing business. Members will not be charged; payment will come from our 3% surcharge.

UNFI January Invoices: Denise Hawk reported that our UNFI invoice from January reflected our old 15% discount even though we are currently at 13%. Members will find adjustments on their February statements. Increasing our UNFI orders would help greatly in increasing our discount!

Next distribution: The next distribution is February 4. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!** ☺ The deadlines for ordering are as follows:

- ❖ **OV/Frontier Order due: Jan. 21**
- ❖ **Creswick Order due: Jan. 24**
- ❖ **OV Filled Cases due: Jan. 25**
- ❖ **UNFI Order due: Jan. 28**
- ❖ **Distribution: Feb. 4**
- ❖ **Board Mtg: Feb. 11**

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:

- Michelle: lilchel@comcast.net
- Denise: djhaukcoop@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!