

“It’s Only Food” – May Edition

Hello Fellow Brighton Food Co-op Members!

Thanks to everyone who makes this co-op a great success – including our board members, home workers and you!

Here are the Minutes of the BFC Board Meeting held on 5/19/08 at Panera Bread.

Financial Info from the May 13, 2008 Distribution

Orders placed- 19

All Products Sold Total -\$8,309.51

Extras Table sold -\$476.54

Extras Table left- 203.49

Total Membership - 29 paid

New Members- Tell your friends and bring them; we all save more when we place large orders!

One of the reasons we love our co-op is that we get information about subjects that affect our health and food. GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) should be of great interest to us all. Some of these items are used in the foods we eat and or seeds that produce the foods we use. Manufacturers do not necessarily disclose these items and others on the list of ingredients. Joan Johnson, Dolores Johnson and Jim Brown shared some information with us at the last Circle Meeting regarding this growing trend in food production and processing. Contact any of them or check our website to direct you to information on these growing concerns.

Door to Door Fresh Produce has replaced our fresh produce vendor Besteman's. Many members have seen excellent quality and superb customer service when they have called with questions and concerns. Please check it out! If you set up an account for yourself, you can easily put your account on hold through their website for breaks from automatic shipment needed for vacations or to skip non-co-op deliveries. You can also alternate shipment of produce to your home or to the Distribution (less expensive-shared shipping cost with other members), your choice. (But you have to actively maintain your account – the alternation of ship locations is not automatic.) Consider this handy option when using this vendor-Door to Door Fresh Produce. Also, with this vendor, the larger the order, the greater the savings to members.

Our flower sale was a great hit! Everyone loved the customer service and quality flowers offered by Superior Landscape in Howell. Thanks to Janice Mechan for all her efforts in this fundraiser that was a Net Profit this year of \$27.00. Plans are to do this sale again next year. Tell all your friends about your great experience with Superior and encourage them to buy through the coop next year!

Our Membership Handbooks have been updated. Look on our website for these changes and additions to the Handbook.

We have a temporary change in our Frontier Batcher and Secretary. Dana Janssen and Diane Brady will switch positions for approximately six months. Dana will handle the home job of Frontier Batcher and Diane will take over the Secretary position until Dana is ready to assume her position of Secretary again.

Everyone, when working on Distribution Day and placing items in people's piles next to their Member Code, please double check that you have the correct member's name before you let go of the item. Also check the quantity on the label. Thanks. This will save us time, when we process the checking out of orders.

When placing your UNFI Website Order:

1. Each member, that means you, will need to contact Sue Kataja to give her your password, so that she can more easily help process our orders when a full case purchase is required and we are willing to purchase a full case, yet would like others to help us by purchasing part of the case (consolidating orders).
2. Do not use the MORE field. There will be a cutoff on Sunday night for all splitting case orders. After that time, members would be responsible for going into their own orders and adjusting quantities as needed to include the MORE they are willing to take in the Qty field. This change will need to be done by Monday night so that Sue has time to look things over based on the Qty field amounts. Questions regarding this helpful change, should be directed to Sue Kataja.

Very important -----Dates to Remember-----

Next UNFI/Outside Vendor Distribution- Tuesday June 10, 2008

Split Case order deadline- Sunday June 1st, 2008

Orders due to Batchers by Wednesday, May 28, 2008

ORDERING

Your Frontier Order should be sent to Dana Janssen: da.janssen@sbcglobal.net

Use the new order system to order UNFI items- look on our website or contact Jim Brown josquin@charter.net with questions or problems.

Outside Vendors (Zingermans, Rosewood, Almar, Motave, Nuts/Honey/Syrup, Specialty) to Kris Verschoor kverschoor@sbcglobal.net

Changes to address/phone #/email address should be sent to Diane Brady dbramblewood@sbcglobal.net

Now, would be a great time to contact Sue Kataja with your password to the UNFI Ordering System that was issued to you by UNFI.

Have a great week and safe travels. Any suggestions or additions to the next Newsletter should be sent to me before June 14th.

Thanks, Diane