

MAC Minutes 5/28/2025

Present: Erin Grant, Alex McIntyre, Jessica Gillis, Leah Aspen, Nathan Chapman, Karen Folger, Lydia Cox, Lisa Sedlar, Holly O'Neil, Annabelle Wesley

Guests: Lindsay MacDonald, Jessica Burchiel, Barbara Rofkar, Lyn Fuller, Susan Witter, Shirley Osterhaus

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Guidelines for Participation

Member Civic Engagement Request

- Six Co-op members attended the MAC meeting to share their concerns that the Co-op is contributing to current human rights atrocities by selling Israeli produced products.
- They spoke to our Co-op mission values statements and noted that adherence to human rights principles should be the primary concern when selecting products.
- They highlighted examples of when the Co-op has previously made decisions to remove items from their shelves in line with our values (ex. Eden Foods, grapes, chocolate, fish)
- A MAC member asks if we would be hurting the food producers that don't support what the government is doing and penalizing the wrong people.
- Boycotts are typically approached with a lens on a specific company, this would be focused on a whole country.
- The hope is by the Co-op removing the products it is an educational opportunity for the shopping public to highlight current events.
- The members would be open to speaking with Rabbi Josh or members of the Arab community.
- MAC will debrief and share an update to the Board.

Consent Agenda

- March MAC Minutes
- April BOD Minutes

Approved by consensus.

Board Report

- The Board did not meet in May. The Board Retreat will be on June 1. MAC is invited to attend to discuss aligning topics.
- The Staff Director has moved away so there will be an election for his replacement. The Staff Director is selected by staff members.

Member Engagement Events

- 3-4 member engagement events are being planned for the second half of the year and early next year.
- The goal is to make the events engaging.

- We are sponsoring the Tune Up Festival again this year. MAC will discuss our broader community engagement approach and opportunities to be more present in the community through events at a future meeting.

Community Shopping Days Application

- The Community Shopping Days Application was reviewed. Minor changes were made including offering the opportunity for organizations to table on their designated day.
- The 2026 Community Shopping Days Application will be posted in July for an end of August deadline.

Responding to the Civic Engagement Request

- Removing anything from shelves would cause division.
- Labeling provides consumer education and a choice – we could put out a QR code so shoppers can scan and inform themselves.
- MAC appreciates the time and consideration the members have put into this request.
- The members will attend the June Board meeting to speak during the member forum.

Closing and Evaluation

Next meeting: June 25