

MAC Minutes 1/28/2026

Present: Erin Grant, Jessica Gillis, Alex McIntyre, Noa Kauanoe, Robin Jones, Heiko Heisermann, Karen Folger, Joselyn Silsby, Lydia Cox, Rosa Adams, Holly O'Neil, Jade Vantreese, Leah Aspen

Absent: Nathan Chapman

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review

Consent Agenda

- Nov MAC Minutes
- Dec Board Minutes

Approved by consensus.

Board Report

- Annual Meeting: March 26
- Board Spring Retreat: MAC attends a portion of the meeting with the Board and Co-op leadership team. Save the date. Specific times TBD.
- Board work: Monitoring reports, approved 2026 budget and business plan.
- Farm Fund fundraising: Almost \$100k raised for local farmers. This PIN pad program is a great success!
- Boys and Girls Club is our next Community Shopping Day.

“P4.3.4 Meetings” cadence question from BDC

MAC discussed the current governing policy regarding the meeting cadence of the committee. “P4.3.4 Meetings: Meet at least bi-monthly with additional meetings as needed.”

➔ Decision:

- Maintain the current policy.
- Plan to meet monthly, on the last Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
- Cancel meeting when we need to. Or make meetings shorter.
- Jade will share the meeting dates for the year with the committee via email.

Member Engagement Event: Valentines-Making and Community Art Project, update

- Cordata: Sunday, February 8 from 1 to 3 pm. Volunteers: Leah, Erin, Robin, Heiko, Alex, Rosa, Jade.
- Forest: Thursday, February 12 from 5 to 7 pm. Volunteers: Erin, Lydia, Jocelyn, Jessica (maybe), Leah (maybe for cleanup), Rosa, Jade.

Member Engagement Events: Making plans for 2026

- Budget: MAC Member Engagement Events (\$3,400)
- Business Plan: Minimum of 6 MAC events this year, including the Annual Meeting. (We're likely we will skip the Summer Party this year and maybe do it every other year.
- Why: Membership engagement, education, connection. “Connection to the co-op, community, and each other.” An added benefit to membership.

- Ideas:
 - **Spring:** Greens spring cleaning class idea - goes along with "Food is Medicine" - It would be nice to have a seasonal class for members and also have each class filmed for membership archives.
 - **Summer:** Farm tour collab with Farm to Table Trails. Bus tour?
 - **Spring? Summer?** How to reduce waste in your daily life; reducing plastic with Laura Weiss. Plastic-free July? – Bulk sale in April and September
 - **Fall:** Book swap. Idea from Lisa. Could be cookbooks. Little free library in the mezzanine.
 - **Fall:** Mushroom foraging
 - Salve making event
 - **Fall:** Film with the Pickford – panel related to the topic. Co-op is sponsoring Doctober again and usually on a panel. Subsidize member tickets?
 - Food told through art. Correlates with the art walk. (The Co-op has artwork at both stores currently)
 - Inviting clubs to use the mezzanine: Get a gift card for snacks. First come first served. Craft circle, learning how to knit, etc.
 - Anna Derrer at Nettles and Petals also teaches some awesome herbal classes, indigo dying, etc.
- ➔ Action item: Erin and Jade get together and make a proposal for MAC's next meeting.

Annual Meeting Topic: Update

- Speaker: Children of the Setting Sun with salmon dinner.
- Topic: “Hope, gratitude and reciprocity”
- Tabling with co-op “booths” for membership, MAC, Farm Fund. Plus “meet our vendors” with fishers, samples, etc.
- Perhaps announce the April PIN pad donation program

Closing and Evaluation

Next Meeting: February 25, 2026 at 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Agenda items for next meeting:

- MAC Events for the year