



THROWBACK PHOTO OF MARSHALL CO-OP GARDEN BEING BUILT

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Winter 2017

Meet Your 2017 Board of Directors!

With over 20% of the co-op membership voting remotely for the Annual General Meeting, there was officially quorum for the meeting! This means the 2017 board of directors election is official and the board can get to work right away on behalf of the Marshall Co-op.

What is the Marshall Co-op Board of Directors?

The Marshall Co-op board of directors is a group of residents who are elected from the general co-op membership to govern the co-op. Every year the co-op holds the Annual General Meeting which is where the election takes place.

Per the co-op's bylaws there are a maximum of nine board seats. This year there were five nominations to the board prior to the meeting and all five board members were officially elected at the meeting.

Annual General Meeting Recap

Please see page 2 for the State of the Co-op Address given by board president Alana Lieske. Co-op highlights from 2016 include: completely renovated parking lot, big updates to the board room, new washing machine, successful gardening season (and new garden fencing), co-op holiday party, and more!

Co-op plans for 2017 include: recruiting more new board members, continuing to make the co-op a safe and accepting place to live, board room mural and other creative projects, another fruitful garden harvest, and more!

Your 2017 Board of Directors:

Alana Lieske (President)
Ben Kamen (Secretary)
Kendra Richter
Maryia Makarchuk
Michael Fossen

All residents are welcome to attend board meetings!

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Sunday, February 26th at 3:30pm in the board room, attached to the laundry room.

Marshall Student Housing Cooperative
Sunday, January 22nd, 2017
State of the Co-op Address

Over the course of 2016, Marshall Co-op evolved in various ways.

The old parking lot was completely redone this summer, making parking significantly less stressful than before. Serious renovations were made to boardroom, including new carpet, paint, furniture, a flat screen television, and a printer, which is free for residents to use. The washing machine stopped working, but was replaced and is now fully functional.

In the spring, we sketched out a plan for the garden and started some seedling indoors. After a summer of weeding and watering, we were able to harvest tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, onions, and various peppers and herbs from our garden. We also experimented with a fence in the garden to keep bunnies from eating our produce.

At the end of July, Kit Fordham left Riverton to pursue a new career, and Joe was able to help the Board stay running smoothly during this change in staff. In September, Bahea joined us as Leasing and Member Services Coordinator, and has been a wonderful asset to our community with her positive attitude and new ideas.

In January, the board held the Annual General Meeting, where we introduced new members to our Board of Directors. In September, the New Member Orientation meeting welcomed all the new residents and provided information about how a Co-op functions and how they can get involved. In December, the board hosted a festive holiday party with cookies and cider, and put up decorations to wrap up the 2016 year.

Looking into the future, there are endless possibilities for us to continue improving our living space. I am very excited to welcome new members to the Board of Directors, and to have more minds collaborating during our meetings. Soon we will begin planning the garden, and hopefully we can install proper fencing around the garden beds before planting begins.

A priority for the Board this year is to ensure our building is a safe and accepting place for everyone who lives here. Another goal is to reach out to more residents and offer them opportunities to interact with their neighbors. 2017 is a year for creative projects, adding more amenities for our residents, and improving our living environment in every way we can. Together, this small group can make a great impact in our community.

-Alana Lieske, President of the Marshall Student Co-op Board of Directors