

March 2006 Membership Meeting

Concerns	# of votes
Will there be continued support for the Community Center	51
Staff not getting livable wage	41
How to be a socially and environmentally responsible business?	36
Retail culture will replace co-op culture	32
Balance community with growth	30
How the Co-op affects the viability of Plainfield?	27
Recent loss of employees	26
Need to improve relationships between manager and members	25
Limited store space	23
Consistency of food and products	20
Lack of member activity and responsibility	20
Lack of accurate financial information	13
Lack of sharing general information with members	13
Lack of benefits for staff	12
Need to follow personnel policy	11
Members shop elsewhere	10
No working membership	8
Price	7
Need to have assessment of the condition of the building	6
Amount of debt/incurred new debt	4
Process: Failure to follow principles/procedures	4
Variety of food and products	4
Lack of including members in decision making	3
Attitude: Lack of respect for the membership	1

Treasures

Community-based (supports local businesses and farmers)	68
Having Community Center connected to the Co-op	39
Close to home/Walking distance/Part of village	39
Local	26
Healthy/Organic food	24
Contributions of long-term staff	19
Personal attention/Caring/Familiar faces	19
Connections with people	13
Comforting, Welcoming, Hospitable	12
Familiarity/Seeing neighbors	10
Flat decision-making/Non-hierarchical	10
Bulk food	10
Cooperative/Involvement of the members	9
Funky	8
Knowledge/Education on social, political, food, human rights	7
Small	6
Has 90% of what family needs	6
Our mission = More than making money	5
Children's space	4

Being involved/Contributing	3
Building	3
Financial responsibility	2
Children know the staff	2
Simplicity	1
Special orders	1