

Draft Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Weavers Way Cooperative Association
Saturday, April 29, 2006

Vice-President Sylvia Carter called the meeting of the Weavers Way Co-op General Membership to order at 7 pm on Saturday, April 29, 2006, in the sanctuary of the Summit Presbyterian Church, Greene and Westview Streets, Philadelphia. Sylvia announced that a quorum was met and that ballots for election of members to the Board of Directors were being collected at the tables near the entrance.

There was a brief presentation by the Police and Fire Fighters Credit Union.

Keynote Speaker: Gar Alperovitz

Mark Steier introduced the evening's speaker, political economist Gar Alperovitz, PhD. Dr. Alperovitz spoke about the importance of the cooperative movement and its potential role in what he terms the evolutionary reconstruction of the American political and economic landscape. He emphasized the powerful role that small groups of individuals could play in social transformation, and referred interested listeners to the website www.community-wealth.org for examples of community-level efforts being made across the country.

Dr. Alperovitz followed up his talk by answering questions and signing copies of his newest book *America Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming Our Wealth, Our Liberty, and Our Democracy*.

Board Presentations

Board of Directors member Stu Katz made a presentation of flowers and thanks to outgoing Board Vice-President Sylvia Carter, in honor and appreciation of her many years of service to the board, staff and members of Weavers Way. Thank you, Sylvia!

Board President Bob Noble delivered the President's Report to the membership. Bob also presented outgoing Board members Steve Hebden and Joe Sullivan with certificates of appreciation for their service to Weavers Way. The Board is grateful for their active participation.

General Manager Glenn Bergman made a presentation of gifts and thanks to retiring Board President Bob Noble. Bob's dedicated service to the Co-op during his years at the head of the board has been a crucial element in the Co-op's continued existence and ever-increasing well-being as an organization. Thank you, Bob!

Minutes Approval

The Minutes of the November, 2005 General Membership Meeting were approved as written.

Membership Survey Presentation

Glenn Bergman presented results from the recent membership survey, and answered questions from members about how the results can be interpreted. The results of the survey have been summarized in the *Shuttle* and are available on the Weavers Way website, now at www.weaversway.coop.

Election Results

The members newly elected to the Board of Directors are: Josh Giblin, Chris Hill, Rick Sauer, and Nancy Weinman

The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.