

August 18th, 2014: Crucial email string DAY OF (prior to evening's) Board meeting at 5:30 pm with massive attendance expected. Board president Geoff trying to stifle communication between DNF staff and DNF members regarding merger; fortunately some staff have the courage to ignore him and we later use the DNF member list to get a later petition out all. We're scrambling to pull it all together before meeting.

In time-chronological order (not reverse email reply order)

Date: 8/18/2014 [09:53 AM](#)
From: Kim
To: Root
Subject: RE: Strategy for Aug 18 meeting...Ideas?

Hi Root,

I received a phone call from Geoff today asking me to not use our marketing to notify members they have a voice and a vote (he was referring to our using the store's e-mail blast to all members). This is a co-op and every member has a right to know what is going on. Last week Geoff called and told me that staff should not be stating employees may lose their jobs if the co-op merges; based on the info LM gave us – employees may lose their job, so this is not a falsehood. I feel my staff and I are being told to lie. Is it possible to meet before the board meeting today?

Thanks,



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Date: 8/18/2014 [10:33 AM](#)
From: Root
To: Pat & Kim
Subject: Disturbing update from Kim FW: Strategy for Aug 18 meeting...Ideas?

Pat, update from Kim with pretty disturbing behavior and pressure from the board president to limit member transparency and involvement.

Kim, I'm going to work up the petitions this morning and get back to you to meet sometime this afternoon. We are hoping for lots of people so be sure to have volunteers from the staff with membership forms. Pat is organizing the contact info gathering and petition signing with her volunteers.

More later,
Root

Date: 8/18/2014 [12:31 PM](#)
From: Pat
To: Root

Subject: RE: No special meeting notice was sent to membership in required time frame

Root,

Wow! Another run-away board which truly is not representing the membership. I was thinking since the Oct. 5th date is a "special meeting," we members can block it because according to the Bylaws no special notice was sent out to the members in the time frame required. Am I right?

Pat

Date: 8/18/2014 1:12 PM

From: Root

To: Pat

Subject: RE: No special meeting notice was sent to membership in required time frame

Pat, don't have time to check on details right now. This is very serious and means nothing less than the sale of all DNF assets to LM in exchange for mere membership in the LM coop. So many unanswered questions, including:

When was the letter of intent signed, and

When is a "Definitive Sales Agreement" to be signed, which is based on the letter of intent. Once this is signed, it's a done deal if a 'simple majority' of those voting approve it; minimum quorum 16/30.

Trying to get to the petitions right now. Will send copy for your final review asap, but may not make it before your 2pm meeting. In which case I'll send what I have out with a reminder to everyone how serious this is. You could forward that to the TLR people and others you know.

Root

Date: 8/18/2014 1:36 PM

From: Pat

To: Root

Subject: RE: Need 2 more clipboards

Root,

Can you bring 2 more clipboards? We have four.

Pat

Date: 8/18/2014 1:40 PM

From: Root

To: Pat

Subject: RE: Need 2 more clipboards

I'll bring 3. Just about done with petitions.

Date: 8/18/2014 1:52 PM

From: Root

To: Pat

Subject: Urgent: review attached petitions and call me [message sent High Priority; Pat had 2pm meeting]

Attachments: 2012-08-18.DNF-MEMBER-PETITION#1-REMAIN-A-LOCAL-CO-OP.pdf;

2012-08-18.DNF-MEMBER-PETITION#2-POSTPONE-MERGER-VOTING