



## President's Welcome

Welcome to the St. Peter Food Co-op's Annual Meeting! This meeting provides owners with an opportunity to meet one another and reflect on the good work that we are doing for each other and for Southern Minnesota. Co-operatives are owned and run by the customers, employees, and residents in the community. Our Co-op has over 2800 owners, and each of us has an equal voice in the policies and future direction of the Co-op. Even though Co-ops are businesses, they are not just profit driven. They provide a salient example that businesses can remain financially sustainable while demonstrating concern for the well-being of all people, fostering a welcoming and inclusive community, and being good stewards of our environment. By becoming an owner of the Co-op, you have chosen to unite and uplift our community, nourishing all its members. Thank you for making that choice. I'm deeply honored to be an owner with you.

### **Kyle E. Chambers**

President, St. Peter Food Co-op Board of Directors

## Greetings from Margo O'Brien, General Manager

The usual modus operandi for an annual report is to reflect and report on the past years' highlights and performance. We usually report on our local sales, our connections in the community, the directions we've taken to make a difference towards a better future.

The whole focus this past year has been looking into that future. And at the time of this writing, the final pieces are falling into place with the ReFresh Project. All the visioning, planning, budgeting, coordinating has almost come to fruition.

The response thus far has been overwhelmingly positive. One of the most heartwarming comments was that the changes were done as if we really cared about the customers. Which, of course, is at the heart of why we embarked on this journey. We wanted to make the experience of shopping at the St. Peter Food Co-op special, exciting and fulfilling.

While the staff has been doing a lot of heavy lifting, the values the Co-op holds dear have not been neglected. Free classes are still popular, local vendors are still in the store, recycling and composting are part of our everyday lives.

As Owners of our Co-op, you can be very proud of the staff. Every single staff person has risen to the occasion and contributed significantly to the vision of the new store.

So here's to our future.

**Margo**

## green alert

A customer called the new Deli "chic" and "modern" all while doing a small twirl, and complimenting the spaciousness!





"This co-op is the  
best in Minnesota,  
maybe the best in the  
Midwest. The prices  
are very reasonable..."

Google review







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