

Meeting Minutes
EASTCONN Food Cooperative

Meeting called to order on 29 March 2018 at: 10:50 AM

In Attendance: Sandra Garcia (EASTCONN), Amy Sanders-Banning (Bozrah), Pierrette Kokofsky (East Windsor), Diane Edwards (Enfield), Carolyn Hetrick (Brooklyn), Sharon Floyd (Colchester), Eric Volle (Windham), Stephanie Richards (Mansfield), Patricia Cawley (RI)

Introductions

As you will see from the list above, there were some new faces, it was nice to put some names to faces.

Open Discussion

Guida's was brought up; members are still having repeat issues. Members have asked that Sandra send them the 30-day notice.

Bids

Sandra is going to send out an email to see what people use currently for chemicals, and service. We are trying to offer a new bid possibly. Simonize is out of Bolton and Mansfield Paper uses them.

Melissa Decoffe – Waypoint

Tyson owns Advance Pierre and Sara Lee Bakery. Tyson poultry items will no longer have antibiotics.

There will be no more Advance Pierre chicken as a commodity in 18-19, only commercial.

Advance Pierre cheeseburger meat loaf was shown. The yellow specs on the meatloaf is actual cheese. It is a two meat.

Tyson has a white meat chicken popcorn, called mega minis. They are designed to be a little irregular and made with whole muscle.

Oven roasted breaded drumstick. It is not currently available, only on a special order basis.

Bosco, 2 grain apple stick. You must thaw it the night before. The wrapped version is not carried currently however, Thurston stocks an unwrapped version.

Land O lakes, ultimate white cheese sauce blend, shelf stable, Thurston currently stocks it. It has a 6-7 month expiration.

Advance Pierre, grand slam which, 1 and 1, they come in grape and strawberry.

Advance Pierre, super bakery, 1 grain super stick, comes in cinnamon

Chobani, 1 protein, not available at Thurston. Flavors are strawberry, blueberry and vanilla.

Dick & Jane, educational snack, different impressions on the snacks. Thurston's stocks English & Spanish.

Kettle corn popcorn, on the approved list.

If you want a sampling of items at your school, contact Melissa and she'd be happy to help.

Melissa DeCoffe

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Brian Jette – SFS of New England

The company is a franchise. Food safety program around chemicals. They only do school nutrition programs.

Does haccp verification and other compliance. They come in once a calendar month. All products are green sealed certified except for sanitizer.

Dishwasher program, MyTerra ware washing is the name of this program.

The cost is an annual cost, invoiced on a 10 month basis.

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An 8-step service call is performed.

Servsafe is included with the purchase.

There are also online courses that you can take advantage of with your package.

Brian can run a quote, let Brian know.

The cost is a per meal cost, adp, an estimate for a 5 school district with dishwasher piece is around \$1000 per school per year.

If interested please contact Brian and he can gladly speak with you.

Brian Jette

Phone: 978-407-1024

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Alex Elson – Revolution Foods

Does not currently serve in CT, serves in MA.

Healthy food provider, clean label food

\$1 mark

For orders, you would order the Tuesday of the week prior

Shelf life is 3-4 days because it is fresh food

There is a minimum to order

Sandra has the PowerPoint presentation, if interested please let her know and she will email it.

Alex Elson

Phone: 630-881-6546

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Next Meeting: The next meeting date will be out shortly, it will be held at EASTCONN in Hampton time will be coming soon. In the meantime if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great day!

Sandra Garcia
EASTCONN Cooperative