



LINDSAY MARTIN

Share a little about yourself. Please provide a few sentences about your hobbies, interests, family and/or career, and community involvement.

I am currently president of the board of FCFC and am completing my second term. I also work full-time as the Associate Director of Development for the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding at EMU. I live just outside Harrisonburg city on a small farm with my husband, two small children, dog, cat, sheep, ducks, chickens, guineas, and pigs. We enjoy being outside, growing native plants, and cooking food with local ingredients.

Why would you like to serve on the board of Friendly City Food Co-op? Have you ever served on a board before, and if so, which one(s)?

I believe FCFC is an important part of the Harrisonburg community and am passionate about the cooperative model. I have found it very meaningful to serve on FCFC's board for the past six years and would love to continue in that role. One of my favorite experiences being on the board was 2018-2019, when we were seeking owner loans for our store expansion. It provided the opportunity to talk with individual co-op owners and hear their perspectives and what they love about the co-op – and now to see the completed store expansion is extremely fulfilling.

What particular skills, knowledge, and/or life experience do you bring to Friendly City Food Co-op that enables you to support and advance its mission?

I have six years of experience working with the board and Steve (our general manager), and two years as board president. During that time, I have learned a lot from my fellow board members and am deeply committed to the cooperative principles and values. I have utilized my skills in organization, facilitation, and open communication, as well as fundraising during the owner loan campaign. I am also very committed to the work of anti-racism and anti-oppression, which the board has identified as a priority as we envision our store becoming an even more welcoming place in this community.



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What experience do you have with Friendly City Food Co-op, Co-ops, and small businesses?

I first learned about food co-ops when living in West Philadelphia for grad school, when I joined Mariposa Food Co-op. One of the cool things I have learned during my time on the FCFC board is that there are lots of cooperative businesses that exist, sometimes under the radar, including credit unions, utility cooperatives, and stores like REI. My commitment to co-ops - and other small, local businesses - has deepened over my six years on FCFC's board.

Friendly City ignites my passion for...

Building community! Especially when it involves delicious food

The item I can't live without at Friendly City is....

I love the bulk foods section; and those Nightingale ice cream sandwiches are my favorite indulgence!