

Spencer Creek Community Growers Mkt. Membership Meeting and Potluck, 4-7 p.m., April 14th 2018

About 40 people came, the counter was filled with a good mix of foods including meat, veggies, potatoes, and desserts.

People brought plants and starts to share

Agendas, copies of the bylaws and Eugene Rec Guides with our new advertisement were available on a table next to the big cork board, which invited members to share 4 things:

1. Opportunities to sign up for desperately needed volunteer positions
2. What I love about the market
2. What needs to be improved
3. Where I would like to see the market in 10 years

4:00 socializing

5:00 supper

5:30 meeting

Meeting:

President's Welcome

Committee Reports:

*Treasurer – Rachel, reviewed budget, shared current bank balance (over \$1000)

*Secretary – Genie served as acting secretary, reviewed members' rights to call special meetings, described the role of secretary in order to solicit a volunteer

*Special Events – Genie described this potential committee to solicit a volunteer chair

*Web - Glenn said he would update the website soon

*Signage - Genie described this potential committee to solicit a chairperson

*Publicity - Genie described this potential committee to solicit a chairperson

*Kids - Genie described this potential committee to solicit a chairperson

*Music – Martin described how the grange was no longer a viable venue for his music program and reported that he had been talking with Randy Moore regarding changing the market venue to the Good Shepherd Church, and that Randy was to the change. He strongly urged the membership to support a move this year. Members spoke up asking good questions, and offering their views, which were well articulated and mixed. Genie suppressed the urge to call a show of hands as there were so many unanswered questions including:

Did the church want the market?

Would the “Cafe La Grange” be able to set up?

Was the site too muddy?

Action: The church board of directors would consider hosting the market at the May 1st board meeting.

Action: May 7th at New Day Bakery, 5 p.m., all members would be invited and the board would vote on whether to move or not.

Outcome of Cork Board Questions:

What People Love about the Market:

10 said the people/community

4 said the music

3 said the cafe food

3 others said food in general, 1 mentioning organic

Improvements:

6 people said parking

2 people said signs

2 people said more customers

2 said more vendors

1 said we need a kids area

1 person said more publicity

Where we see ourselves in 10 years:

Most of these were about more people, more vendors, while keeping the same community feel. Also mentioned, beer and wine, special events, plant nursery, kids area, dog area, go all season, teach recycling. One I liked included "more connected."

Volunteering:

Market Managers – 0

Signage – Angela Andre

Publicity – 0

Farmer Recruitment – 0

Kids Activities – Andrea Turner and daughters Eleanor and Margaret

Special Events - 0

Membership – Genie Harden and Alex Miller