

Spencer Creek Community Grower's Market

Board Meeting December 29, 2022 at 85129 Florence Rd, Eugene, OR

Notes taken by Andrea Turner, Secretary

Present: Rachel, Glenn, Chris, Sam, Nathan, KayLee, Andrea

Rachel's Report:

\$2,949.62 in the checking account. But, she just wrote several checks which total (\$375 + \$549 + \$50 = \$974).

Minutes from August 29, 2022:

The minutes were passed out. Chris moved that we approve the minutes. Glenn seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Rachel added up the cash in the cash bag: \$268 from the last market day for the cash box.

Glenn said \$48 in donations are still be deposited from cider donations.

DUFB update:

Sam said the grant is all wrapped up.

Mallory said we went \$40 over and that is going to be matched from DUFB so it is all covered.

The Growth Grant status: We used \$125 for advertising. The stipend included other activities using Sam's time (lamination, education, phone use).

Sam motioned that we apply for the Growth Grant again next year. Andrea seconded it. All in favor.

OFMA group liked Sam's spreadsheet and would like to meet with Sam to see if that can be used at other markets.

Glenn asked about taxes and if we have had to file any 1099-misc forms for taxes. Glenn is concerned that we have brought in over \$600 in stipends and so that may cause us to have to pay taxes as this year we brought in \$1000. Rachel has said that she has received emails in the past that have said that we do not owe taxes. We can ask Rachel at Willamette Farm and Food - she is no longer there. Chris said we would have to talk to Saorsie now.

Locally Grown Food Guide is due January 20th. Glenn put it in the grant application that we would put in a ¼ page add in the Guide for about \$250.

Sam just looked into it and the market should send her/them a 1099 form by January 31st since the stipend was over \$600. Rachel will help take care of that.

Location discussion:

The church board is still interested in selling the property. It is appraised at over \$1 million. It is a separate Lutheran church or it is part of the larger church synod. Randy said the church would want to

know by Easter. At this point the only option down the road is that we rent it from whomever owns it. We could also rent it now.

We would like to meet with Randy at the church as an entire board and we are looking at the dates between January 9th and 15th. This field trip would help us to decide if we should propose renting the church for the market. We need to meet before the January meeting of the Grange which is the 3rd Tuesday of every month (hence, January 17th). After the field trip to the church, we shall meet in the parking lot to discuss, form a committee and talk about next steps. We should find out when the church meeting is in January.

We can propose to the Church \$75 for each week we use it, and it doesn't include the kitchen. It's \$25 for the kitchen at the Grange per usage. We haven't had to pay for the days at the Grange when we are not there.

UWSWCD update:

Glenn provided us with a print out of his application. We all read it.

Andrea mentioned the work Sam is doing to grow the Market spreadsheet with OFMA and wondering if that should be mentioned somewhere in the application. Sam suggested in the Intro and Andrea suggested it could be great in the Conclusion as well. Perhaps we don't mention it as a key project component to be funded.

Sam talked about her DUFB moment, "We don't have any raspberries but we do have raspberry plants!"

Rachel said FDNP and how we are supporting elders.

Farmer outreach – if there were a stipend amount to provide a farmer coordinator, then if there is a niche that isn't being addressed then see if there could be a coordinator to fill in the needs.

Chris brought up the possibility of the UWSWCD having a booth at our market. Glenn mentioned that he has originally put in the list of items – an outreach booth for non-profits.

Rachel brought up the issue of the "Gaia Shamanism" booth. We didn't all converse about allowing specific vendors to set up a booth before they were set up.

What is our current method for vetting new members for having a booth? We have the rules in our official Market documents.

Sam is proposing that we could have more "committees" instead of actual individual roles. This way, there could be some individuals who could add to the work but not with the full responsibility for the full period of time.

Do our ByLaws allow for committee members to be non-board members? Yes, we just need a board member to be the head of the committee. We can have 3 -15 board members.

Membership Coordinator: This is for both farm/craft/food vendors as well as the market supporters/buyers.

Farm Outreach -

Vendor Committee – to approve possible vendors

Sam proposed we have a Vendor Committee. Rachel seconded the committee proposal. Rachel will look at our existing rules and regulations for the new vendor applications. Chris is proposing that Marie Sherman would be willing to work on the vendor committee. Rachel said she would be the head, since she is on the board.

We do have DUFB sheets for folks to refer to.

Sam proposed that each of the following be turned into committees with a Board member as the head of the committee:

Market manager

Membership coordinator

Vendor committee

Kids activities

Publicity

Farmer outreach

Music coordinator

Webmaster

Andrea seconded the motion. All voted and approved.

Our next meeting will be at the Church for our field trip. Sometime between January 9 – 15.

We are looking to find someone to take over the POP kids booth.