

Spencer Creek Community Grower's Market Board Meeting

February 18, 2024 at Andrea's house, 29141 Gimpl Hill Rd, Eugene, OR 97402

Notes taken by Andrea Turner, Secretary

Present: Glenn, Sam, Nathan A., Ava, Kelly, Nathan L., Andrea

Note: Maddie Rozics (who was our publicity czar) sent an email out to the board earlier this year stating that she will no longer be on the board.

Note 2: Rachel Marcotte was unable to attend this meeting and will be ending her time as treasurer at the end of April 2024.

Glenn:

Bank account: \$2342.78, reported by Glenn from Rachel.

Glenn Distributed the 2023 and 2024 Budget spreadsheets.

Actual General Funds spent in 2023 were: \$2351.71

OFMA got a grant to cover all Oregon membership fees in the Market Association (something like \$80/market).

Food booth - we have funds for it. Andrea can take on the job of looking for a new or renewing last year's chef (E'lon) for lunch service.

Nathan L. said he can continue to do the back-end bookkeeping as he did last year. He is also willing to help with setup in the mornings of the market.

Ava is willing to continue this summer with what she did last year and can cashier every market at the beginning of the market with the exception of June 8th.

Nathan L. has said that he would be willing to do the cashier work in place of Ava on June 8th.

Miranda sent an email for Sam/Nathan to read to the group: she cannot participate more than 1 or 2 POP shifts over the course of the market. She also asked the board to consider what its mission is.

Kelly was thinking that less music could be better than having it every week. Gordon was not here today so it was not possible to get his input. The volume was an issue for several vendors and for the customers. Nathan L. was suggesting that perhaps just once a month with live music could make it a special event. Kelly was suggesting Dan Powell would like to come the first Saturday of the month every month. Nathan L. suggested matching up the lunch days with music days. We pay for 90-day temporary restaurant licenses but we can pay for 2 licenses for the whole summer as we have the grant funds. Ava was told by many angry customers that the music was too loud.

Kelly feels like we should offer food every week if possible.

Based on last year's chef's costs, we expect to pay the county the application fee of \$95 and \$210 per 90-day license.

Tom and Allison were farmers who used to come to the market and perhaps we can recruit them to come to the market again.

Chris Sherman had spoken to Glenn about recruiting farmers to the market and there is a conundrum about recruiting. Chris was wondering if we could think about moving the venue for the market as our current venue is out of the way. One possibility is the Friendly Street area. There is a park there. It would be a very different vibe. Family School campus might be possible.

Sam mentioned the possibility of having the market in the evening on a weekday instead of a Saturday, maybe a Tuesday or Friday evening. We discussed that in the past we had a Wednesday evening market at the Bailey Hill Market. That was a very busy spot.

Sam and Nathan A. will only occasionally attend board meetings in a social/advisory role and will remain on Board correspondence to help smooth the transition for them stepping away from their roles.

As we approach the beginning of the 2024 market season, we need to recruit more support to make the market run smoothly. The next board meeting will involve discussions about how we are going to recruit more support.