

Spencer Creek Community Grower's Market Board Meeting

March 28, 2025 at 29141 Gimpl Hill Rd, Eugene, OR 97402

Notes taken by Andrea Turner, Secretary

Present: Glenn, Gordon, Andrea

Treasurer's Report:

\$13,983.30 is the current checking balance

Gordon spoke to Chris Sherman and he said selling at the market would be a lot of work for not much return. He may be interested in selling starts.

Andrea went to the Lane County Farmers Market and spoke to the owner of Wild Child and the seller at Wintergreen Farm and they are not able to have another booth at the SCCGM.

Glenn went to Horai Bakery. Emma was there. The farm runs a bakery on 11th, close to the university. Emma remembered Glenn and said that she saw Chris Sherman and said to him last year that she might be interested but she doesn't have much produce anymore and she doesn't have the manpower to support a bakery cart.

Glenn went to see Christina and no one was there except the dog. No one got back to Glenn about the email that he sent out offering free stall fees.

Glenn is hopeful about the legislation that is possibly going to go through that will help support farmers using ground water for commercial sales of produce. Friends of Family Farmers has information on their site to help support small farmers. The vote is on April 7th. We need to submit testimony to support it.

Glenn said that Ariel sent out an email and no one who signed up for membership and who said they would be interested in volunteering responded that they could help.

Glenn said that it may cost us thousands of dollars to pay the fees to BMI, ASCAP, etc. to cover the royalty costs for musicians doing covers of songs. Songs that are over 95 years-old are in the public domain. Gordon said he would inquire with BMI.

Glenn proposed that perhaps we should cancel the market season now.

Andrea proposed that instead we send out a message to the entire market subscribership and let them know that it is our final season. This will help to provide closure for Glenn and the board members and the community at large.

Andrea proposed that the market could host a consignment table that will be paid for by the market but manned by those who want to group together to sell their small lots of produce and those gardeners would take turns manning the booth each week.

Chris Sherman's son, Andrew, has a construction company and he would like to put in a bid for the performance stage. Glenn said he has two big beams for the design. Glenn proposed an excavation to put in proper posts. Glenn said that we may not build the stage this year.

Glenn got the Growth Grant for the market this year and that is \$1500 and that covers administrative costs for DUFB. The Food Equity Grant for Little Lettuce and Bucka Bucka Bucks will include \$1000 for administrative costs, and the UWSWCD grant will allow for some administrative costs, too.

Glenn would like the reporting responsibilities to come off of him and we could get Ava to do this but someone needs to attend the mandatory training session on Tuesday, April 8th from 10 – 11:30 AM from the Farmers Market Fund. We might be able to pay Ava \$3000 if she can do the market managing and the reporting. The end of year reporting is done in November and so that may be best for Glenn to do again. He said he would not mind doing it one more time.

Glenn will send out a message to the membership about our 16th and final season. We can see if we can get more participation, etc.

October 4th will be the last market of the season as the 11th is a home Duck game.

May 17th will still be our first market of the season.

Vouchers for the musicians will still be kept at \$15 and still be used the same day.

Andrea reach out to Ava to confirm that she is good to work all the way through until Saturday, October 4th and if not we can end the market one week earlier.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 26th at 4 PM at Andrea's house. This will be the last meeting held at 29141 Gimpl Hill Rd. Future meetings will be at the Grange or some other location.