

Spencer Creek Community Grower's Market Board Meeting

Oct 20, 2025 at The Spencer Creek Grange

Notes taken by Andrea Turner, Secretary

Present: Glenn, Gordon, Ariel, Meredith, Stephen, Andrew, Andrea

Glenn mentioned that we had a great last market. Unprecedented!

Glenn said that he got a 3-yr warranty for the canopy for Meredith.

Gordon asked if it is expected that we can get the grant money again next year. The response is that it is unknown at this point.

Ariel has said that she could be the full-time market manager with Wolfgang and Eleanor, perhaps, running as backup to take days when Ariel cannot. This is a good thing for a young person to get experience so we could try to actively get someone to take this role.

Glenn has said that he is still the president (acting president) but would like to step down. Glenn mentioned to Andrew that it would be very cool if he had time to try to ease himself into the role to see if he could do it. Andrew said that he would really need to know what the responsibilities of the president's role were.

Gordon asked if the president is responsible for setup on market days as Glenn has been doing. Glenn said that when Sam was market manager she took that on but he has been doing it since.

Glenn said that applying for grants is probably the biggest part of the president's role. He spoke about how the UWSWCD had been a BIG grant funder: \$8k two years ago and \$7.5k this year. The Farmer's Market Fund awarded us DUFB money, \$300, but we used it up and so they reached out to us and asked us if we needed more so we got \$200 more (a total of \$500). Willamette Farm and Food Coalition is Eugene-based and also a grantor. They work with Food for Lane County, etc. This year the grant was called Healthy Food for All (Little Lettuce, Bucka Bucka Bucks, and the Food Pantry Buy Out).

Stephen said that he thinks that the tasks of delegating and organizing for the president make good sense. Grant writing could be something someone else could do and market set up, someone else could do this.

Glenn:

The budget is something we hammer out at the board meeting before the market opens. Usually, grants are in place before the market opens. Stipends are a part of the UWSWCD grant. Any leftover money was able to be rolled over to be used on other things.

Meredith said that perhaps Glenn could list out all that he does and then many of these things could be lifted off of the President's responsibilities.

Ariel asked what things Glenn would like to stop doing.

Andrea asked what thing would Glenn like to do. He said he would like to help ensure the market continues to thrive. This year's harvest festival was a great success.

It would nice to have a publicity person – who has the signs and knows when to put them out. For example, Rachel and Michael have one that they put out and know when to put it out.

Glenn offered to help continue to maintain the website.

Glenn will talk to the Grange about the WiFi and router situation and they should be providing a working system as it is part of the rent fee.

It would be great to have a publicity person take over the Mailchimp-like things.

Meredith said she would be willing to take on all the Publicity items. Meredith needs to be invited to the Google Drive so she can get access to passwords. Why do people want to support us and why do people want to go to this market instead of other markets? What is the draw? What are we about? What is our mission? Ariel offered up: Community, food security, etc. What sorts of folks are we trying to support? Hyper local? Gordon offered: Super Chill. Glenn said there are key aspects of the market that kept people coming back, word of mouth was one of them: music, really great food artisans. The consignment table really helped. The basics are great to have and that is hard to find. Small market movement. Glenn said another thing that draws people here... our checkered table clothes and chairs.

Gordon said that Dakota's mom, Shonda Harris, volunteered to do music scheduling. Karen Perkins has offered to schedule. Andrea will text Shonda to see if she is interested in taking on the music scheduling. Gordon has already signed Bass 'n Reeds for the first market and every first Saturday of the month for music.

Ariel is totally open to staying on to do Membership. She is also willing to do the Farmer's Market Manager work (with some help, not as an island). Eleanor may be able to help out but she is not willing to commit to a commitment now.

Meredith said she is totally willing to stay on checking for potential farmer/produce vendors but not okay taking on the role of farmer outreach coordinator.

Andrew is willing to consider it more, the role of president.

Stephen is willing to take on the treasurer's role. We all voted and approved Stephen to be Treasurer.

We decided that the opening day will be May 16th and the closing day will be Oct 3rd in 2026.

Meredith has agreed to take on the role of Secretary.