

The Dalles Farmers' Market – Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2018

Columbia Gorge Community College – Bldg 1 – Room 1.266

Call to Order at 5:30pm

Attendance

Board Members: Rich Johnston, Niki Piacente, Janeal Booren, Beth Kaser, Tama Bolton, Rachel Suits, Bethany Ayers-McManus

Staff: Lynne MacIntyre, Eileen White

Vendors/Volunteers: Mary Leighton, Barbara Pashek, Kevin MacIntyre, Greg Kaser, Audrey Stephens

Previous Meeting Minutes March 26, 2018, Beth moved to accept the minutes and Tama seconded, the minutes were passed.

Treasurer's Report: Funds were obligated for the POP and SNAP match tokens and more minutes for the Farmers' Market phone. No treasurer's report was available to accept.

Old Business:

- Scholarship offer – Eileen talked to David Griffith and he will continue to sponsor water for the market to sell at the market manager's booth. Eileen asked about scholarship funds that David had offered last year and he wants to partner up with other organizations to give scholarships. Beth will do research to see if other markets have scholarship opportunities.
- SNAP Match Grant-Program Updates – Lynne is applying for Gorge Community Foundation Funds for the remainder of the SNAP Match funds that were not awarded by MCHF at \$2000 plus \$500 for marketing materials.

New Business:

- Voting results from vendor potluck – Beth reported that there were 18 ballots filled out. Janeal Booren, Niki Piacente and Bethany Ayers-McManus were voted in by the vendors and volunteers.
- Board Leadership Positions – Niki Piacente volunteered for and was voted in as Treasurer and Janeal Booren volunteered and was voted as President. Beth Kaser volunteered to step in if Janeal is unable to make a meeting. Niki Piacente will work with Columbia Bank to be an additional signature on The Dalles Farmers Market bank account.
- Cap on crafter and farmer vendors – At last month's board meeting it was brought up to put a cap on craft booths. If so, the bylaws would need to be changed. So far Eileen has not had to turn any crafters away and thinks the crafters will decrease as a result of the Mainstreet Maker Market. The board has decided not to change the bylaws for now.
- Meeting location change – Rachel mentioned that the library is available for the 4th Monday of each month at 6pm. Next month, May's meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23rd at The Dalles Chronicle to avoid the library being closed on Memorial Day. The remaining meetings will continue to be the 4th Monday at the Library at 6pm.

- Downtown Mainstreet Market follow up – The Dalles Main Street changed the language to be a makers market instead of a farmers market. As a board we decided to listen to Mainstreet and give advice if it's sought out by TDFM.
- Brian Goodwin/Wahtonka Community School – Bethany is on the board for Wahtonka Community School and wants to know if TDFM will partner in future projects and programs. As a board we support Wahtonka Community School efforts at becoming a charter school and will partner on future programs and projects.
- Preparing for first market – Rachel
 - Tama offered to be the volunteer coordinator and will help coordinate market volunteers.
 - Eileen will make sure the vendor map is updated on the website.
 - Lynne and Rachel will prepare the fresh sheets. Lynne will email vendors and Rachel will update the website.
 - Music will be from The Marimba from Colonel Wright
 - The Rotary will be the sponsor of the Marimba.
 - Greg will move the trailer to its usual summer spot in the parking lot across the street.
 - Lynne will get the POP passports and shopping bags ready for the first market.
 - Lynne is getting the POP & Market Match tokens printed.
 - Rachel will provide a “cheat sheet” for the different voucher/token programs.
- Spring Fair – Greg and Beth will work the Spring Fair selling coffee, breakfast and lunch items.
- Eileen mentioned the Friends of Family Farmers listening session to the farmers at the meeting. This listening session is designed to hear farmer concerns and Rachel and Eileen will encourage vendors to attend.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at The Dalles Chronicle building downtown

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