

Farmers' Market Management Network, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2009

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Conference Call

In Attendance: Becky Dickerson, Adam Schroeder, Mark Krist, Beth Knorr, Bart Henshaw, Patti Haden, Christie Welch, Mayda Sanchez-Shingler.

Reviewed meeting minutes from 3/9/09.

Adam made a motion to approve the minutes. Bart seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Bart delivered the treasurer's report. We have \$409.00 in checking and 26 members.

Adam made a motion to approve the report. Mayda seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

Letter on HB875: It was expressed that a letter be sent from FMMN suggesting scale appropriate exemptions for small producers. Mayda will gather any new information and analysis on the status and report at next meeting.

FMMN sponsoring GAP training discussed, the possibility of offering at a discount to members for the training, regular rate to others, a fundraising opportunity. At our next annual meeting, a mini-conference with workshops and trade show vendors may be fundraising opportunity. Mark will investigate details and cost of offering GAP training.

Mayda suggested new website with more interactive features be developed. She will assemble a demonstration site for review and discussion at the next meeting.

- Committees Updates: Food Reg. Committee: There will be a public hearing on Wednesday May 13th at 8:30 am at ODA to review a proposal to expand the list of foods covered under Ohio's cottage food law. We believe our conversations with the help of Patty Haden, over the last year have impacted this decision at the ODA. Information on the hearing and new rules can be found at:
<http://localfoodcolumbus.wordpress.com/2009/04/18/oda-expands-list-of-cottage-foods/>
- Market Manual Committee: Christie and Beth have a TOC drafted. They will coordinate to create a basic guide for those wanting to start a farmers market. The guide will contain direct contact information for the various ODA contacts that they will need to register with and that can help them get started. Guidance on registering as a non-profit will be included.
- Membership Committee: Bart added two of our original members that were left off the membership roster, Marion Market and Fayette County Master Gardeners (Washington Court House).

Mayda made a motion to approve new members to the roster. Adam seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved.

It was agreed that all committee members should be paid members of FMMN.

Christie will email list of committees and members.

Updates: Farmers' Market at the Ohio State Fair will be accepting applications through June.

The next meeting will be held on June 1st, 2009 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Patti Haden's office on the 3rd Floor at Ohio Department of Agriculture 8995 E. Main Street Reynoldsburg, OH 43068, 800-467-7683.

Discussed 'open' meeting venue and logistics to allow members to attend or listen in to board meetings.

Becky made a motion to adjourn. Adam seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.