

Farmers' Market Management Network, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2009

10 AM

In Attendance: Adam Schroeder, Mark Krist, Patti Haden, Mayda Sanchez-Shingler, Tom Snyder, Christie Welch, Beth Knorr, Becky Dickerson, Bart Henshaw and members Tom and Emma Stout.

Meeting Minutes from 8-17-09

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

Treasurer's report: Bart provided a handout of bank transactions. The bank balance is \$409. No changes from last meeting.

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

Secretary's report: Mayda had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mark inquired about the free GAP resources mentioned at last meeting. The fact sheets were gathered from existing online resources and are accessible on the web site under Resources at <http://fmmn.org/resources/>.

The Statewide Farmers Market Managers Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 4th and 5th, 2010 at the ODA. The FMMN and ODA are listed as partners in the conference. Christie asked for suggestions on speakers. Recommended speakers can be emailed to Christie at welch.183@osu.edu. Registration fees will be announced. There will be a discount for FMMN members.

The brochure for the new "Growing! Ohio Farmers' Markets" Training Programs was made available.

Committee Report:

The Market Manual, Table of Contents was passed out. Strategies were discussed on how to approach the most challenging portion of the Market Manual, the variation in interpretations of food safety regulations as they apply to farmers markets.

Tom Snyder spoke about the RAP-C presentation on Wed. October 14, 2009 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Mayda will attend to represent FMMN.

New Business:

Food safety Regulations committee new issues for advocacy on the state level:

1. The mechanical refrigeration requirements
2. Raw and processed produce. Seek clarification of the rules and definitions, regarding rinse water, lettuce mixes and related issues.
3. Labeling issues

Mayda presented an idea that we create an online database where market managers in our network can share farm visit reports with each other for greater coverage and efficiency. Mayda will prepare a formal proposal to the board.

The Farmers Market Coalition has an educational grant of \$500 maximum for regional farmers market manger organizations.

Adam motioned we join FMC. Beth seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting was set for Monday, October 19th, 2009, after the Food Safety Listening session at the ODA.

Mark made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Adam. The meeting was adjourned.