

Wytheville Farmers' Market

Board Meeting

October 6, 2015

Present: Rath Anderson, Suzie Richert, Steve Hermansen, Jim Henderson, Emily Davis, Julia Stephens, Jen Otey, Alethea Neal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of September meeting approved.

Manager/assistant discussion: After discussion a motion was made and seconded to have Jen remain as sole manager. She can hire and pay a helper/assistant from her salary. The motion was amended to state that anyone the manager chooses will be subject to approval by the board. Motion and amendment carried unanimously. A motion was made to keep the voting rule as it is presently written in the bylaws, and the manager will not have a vote at meetings. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A discussion of market manager's responsibilities. Suzie volunteered to write up a new contract after the discussion. Jen's present salary is \$7,550 plus the grant money for the online market. Total is around \$9,100. When asked about her hours, Jen mentioned that her hours compute to a salary of approximately \$20/hr. If the market charges \$100/yr vendor fees, she will earn \$10,000/yr.

New market site: Brian Freeman says there is a separate kitchen grant worth \$50,000. He will find out more, but will likely not be until next year. Steve will research it. Ongoing with Brian on other items.

New board members: Emily with chair the committee. So far, there are eight names:

Ryan, Jane Erie, Donna, Jenny, Kim, Alvin, George, Judy Buck

Manager decisions:

Jen and Alethea told about our previous discussion and the decisions we made. We will be increasing the vendor fees to \$100 per season. Manager will enforce rules at the market, collecting fees submit reports to RC&D, reconciling bank statements. Suzie will write this out for the next meeting. Salary will be \$10,000. This will reflect 500 hours at \$20/hour.

Budget report: RC&D \$1905 WFM \$6075.13

Budget ideas for dinner fundraiser: education, new tables, to be continued

Bibs & Bowties critique: have the auction before dinner, need a better PA system, no silent auction, 2 serving lines, name tags, have pitchers of water, social hour

Clean up at market: Nov. 7 & 14 at 9am

Post season vendor meeting: November 10th, 6pm, Grayson Auditorium. Emily to make the agenda

Christmas Market: December 12 at new market site.

December board meeting: Have the old board attending to help with transition

Steve reports on workshops: Customer service presentation for vendors. RC&D new river agrotourism.
Regional food systems initiative

Next meeting: November 7, after the cleanup.