

**Wytheville Farmers' Market
Board Meeting
September 9, 2015**

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

Old Business:

August board meeting minutes:

Approved.

Downtown Health Fair:

The market did well, but the town did not. A suggestion was made to John to start it at the market site next year where there are more people.

Paint colors:

A motion was made and seconded to have the following colors through Porter Paints: Main body to be #412-4/woolen vest, trim seal 416-7/skin, doors #432-7/brick dust. Approved.

New Business:

Financial Report:

WFM	\$6109.43
RC&D	\$2178.01

New Market Grants:

Paint on building has lead and windows have asbestos.
Brian will apply for a Tobacco Commission grant of \$250,000
The USDA grant for \$75,000 was approved pending flood plain approval. Application was submitted for a grant to purchase equipment of a commercial kitchen.

Working with RR market:

We should look at what community kitchens are doing in the region. SW fresh is a good place to start. Steve is going to

attend seminars in Blacksburg related to local food and agritourism.

Food Safety:

An issue of concern that vendors may be disrupting flow of customers with too aggressive an approach of soliciting with free samples. There is also a concern about food safety with demos. A motion was made and carried that in the 2016 season, any vendor providing samples be required to get a food safety certificate from the VTech Cooperative extension office.

Duvall Fundraising:

The market paid him \$200 for the bread he supplied for the dinner. An online site has been created for individuals to donate toward his financial needs for a kidney transplant.

New Board Members:

A list of possible candidates includes: Judy Buck, Donna Brunson, Alvin Cassell, Gwen Duncan, Tommi Malavolti, Marcie or George Kraus, Jenny Frenz, Tom Walker, Maria Drosnick, Kim Dunford, Belinda Stroupe, Ellen Langford, Brian Freeman.

Moving:

Jen noted that we need to move the market supplies to the new site soon after the end of the season. Dates of November 7th and possibly November 14th if needed. Volunteers to meet at the market site at 9 AM.

Budget:

A budget committee was formed to decide how to best use the earnings from the Bibs dinner. Committee members are: Jim, Steve, Suzie, Jen, and Julia.

Special Meeting:

The board will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday October 6th at 5:30 discuss Jen's proposal to have Alethea as her coworker. She also requested a vote at board meetings. The regular meeting will follow at 6:30. Need to research the bylaws concerning how to set up the new configuration.

**General membership meeting:
November 9th. 6 pm.**