

Grand Rapids Farmers Market Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

6:00p.m.- 8:16p.m.

Present: Jane Jewitt, Kent, Cherice, Hannah, Rachel N., Jay, Jessie, Mike, Kent, Dawn, Phil, Will/Bryn, Gus, Patty, Amy, Vickie

New Members Presentations by:

- Mary Augustyn Augustine Artworks Pottery Studio- in Bovey (stoneware mugs, bowls, ceramic pendants) possible extra flowers and late season veggies (peppers!)
- Robert Wheeler- Boss Foods flavored kombucha with foraged berries etc., crystals
- Colleen Bishop- Upcycling items to be repurposed (scrubbies, crayons, feed bags) eggs, starter plants
- Wesley Anderson Elevated Spores- Upper Michigan, Northern Wisconsin, Northern MN, Sells vials of liquid substances from mushrooms (chaaga, turkeytail, orashi). Possible teas. Working with MN Department of Agriculture for license (pending)
- Abbey Blake waterstem fired and printed- Water prints (wildlife mainly) and kiln fired enamel jewelry
- Justin & Josie Rippled Leaf Farm- field grown CBG, glass reusable containers, state and third party tested

Members voted in:

Colleen Bishop

Mary Augustyn (**Jessie motioned, Sue second**)

Abbey Blake (**Hannah motioned, Jessie second**)

Robert Wheeler (**Motion by Rachel to allow membership to sell Kombucha, no crystals**)

Membership Denied:

Wesley Anderson (Elevated Spores)

Justin & Josie (Rippled Leaf Farm) (**Motion by Stuart, second Wil**)

Motion to start market on May 5th by Hannah, second by Cherice

Motion Passed

Motion to recess until Wednesday at 7:00p.m. by Kent, second by Jessie

Meeting resumed April 14th 7:00p.m.

Present: Hannah, Jesse, Cherice/Matt, Jane, Erik, Mike, Kent, Stuart, Mary, Bryn/Wil, Jane/Scott S., Gus/Susan, Dawn, Vickie, Amy F. Rachel

New member Presentation by:

- Jeremy Bennett- Baked goods (bread, cupcakes, cookies), BBQ sauce (has cottage foods license)

Bryn/Wil motion to approve application, second by Cherice

Motion Approved Jeremy Bennett for membership

\$100 membership fees are due

Mail to Kent Lorentzen :

62817 Great River Road Jacobson, MN 55752

COVID SAFETY Protocol

Distancing and Masking

Dawn made a motion, Eric second to continue with 6' spaces between booths as long as possible, and not require vendors to wear mask for that reason

Motion Approved

Trash on West and North side of market Clean up:

- Cherice- April 15th @12p.m.

Rake rocks into washout from road

- Matt H. on 4/18
- Stuart, Lauren, Gus possible help as well

PoP Program:

- Committed Donors
 - Grand Itasca
 - Essentia
 - Lake Country POver: \$250
 - Paul Bunyan \$250
 - Dr. Gaalaas orthodontics
- Kids who come will have their name, ZIP code, age, and whether their family uses SNAP data collected by Vickie, Hannah will maintain data
- Kids who come eight times will receive a prize (PoP bag, etc.)

Motion by Hannah to run in person PoP program with printed cards Saturday 5/29 second by Dawn

Motion Approved

Market Bucks

- program application submitted
- \$8,456 of Market Bucks went to growers and food producers
- .0001% of MN budget

Motion by Erik, second by Matt H. to sign on to letter of support Tory Westrom on the committee of Finance and Policy for Market Bucks program to stop elimination the funding of the Healthy Eating at Home Program

Justin Eichorn (05, R)
651-296-7079

Mighty Matching Dollars

- Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation money secured
- Waiting for confirmation for Great River Energy, Essentia
- The more money we match for EBT/SNAP, the more money customers spend at the market
 - Customer spends \$1 EBT, get \$1 state funds, \$1 local funds
- As long as Market Bucks continue
 - \$30 of local food for \$10 of EBT bucks
- May need to only use state Market Bucks at first (1:1 match) until we secure more partners for Mighty Matching Dollars
- ~\$4,391 in funds now

Motion by Jesse, Second by Hannah to start locally funded Mighty Matching dollars up to \$5 match for \$10 swipe

Management

- FB PAGE- Kate Mercado will help with FB page
- PAPERWORK- Jane helping with Market Bucks and state unemployment agency, IRS
- SET UP- Mike Claypool can help with set up (Not all the time)
 - Open market booths, set up cones, flags, etc.
 - Give vendors break
 - Minor emergencies
 - Collect stall fees
- DEVELOP MARKET LAYOUT- E-mail Dawn by 6p.m. the night before

**Motion by Gus, second by Dawn to change hours from 9-1
Motion fails**

**Motion by Dawn, second by Erik for Open Food Network
Motion passed**

- Jane will reach out to Colby Abaz