

# Grand Rapids Farmers Market Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2021

6:00p.m.- 8:24p.m.

Present: Jane Jewett, Hannah Harling, Kent Lorentzen, Cherice Hartshorn, Jesse Davis, Gus Sheker, Dawn Molaison, Erik Heimark, Stuart Lavalier, Patty Schmidt, Amy Fidely, Wil Lenius, Rachel Newman

## Potential New Member Q&A:

- Eric Halverson- foraged goods (mushrooms, pasta, berries) fresh foods, education
- Justin & Josie (Rippled Leaf Farms): CBG hemp

## New Members Presentations by:

- Allicat Farm (Allison)- Helped at GRFM last year, high tunnel (tomatillos!) vegetables & field vegetables
- Murphy's Grove (Amanda Murphy)- pasture raised eggs & meat (ducks, quail, chicken) rabbits, some herbs; (meats sold through the P.L. 90-492 exemption. P.L. = Public Law)
- Mel Thoresen- high tunnel vegetables, processing house (canned goods eventually)

## **Erik- Motion to let Allison, Amanda, and Mel join 2021 GRHS Market**

**Second by Cherice**

**Motion passed**

New members have Probationary Period- no voting during first year as members

## **Jesse- Motion made to accept February 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Hannah- second**

**Motion passed**

## Balance Sheet

Treasurer's Report – Kent Lorentzen

Balance Sheet – Over \$8000 in current checking account as of Feb 2021.

Depreciable Assets: \$3000

Total Revenue as of 3/12/21- \$9661.05

## **\*Get Membership Dues Turned In\***

Make payable to 'Grand Rapids Farmers Market'

Mail to:

Kent Lorentzen

62817 Great River Rd, Jacobson MN 55752

Pop Funds as of Dec. 2020- \$1061.31

Mighty Matching Dollars as 3/12/21- 4391.00 (541 from 2020)

POP and Mighty Matching Dollars

**Jesse- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report**  
**Erik Second**  
**Treasurer's Report Approved**

Bylaws Committee Rules and Guidelines Change for Admitting New Members after April Meeting:

- Exemptions to this rule can only be after special vote by general membership at Wednesday and Saturday meeting when quorum is present *or* by online
- Quorum: 40% of members at market on peak customer day during previous season (currently 6)

**Jesse- Motion to vote to approve changes to bylaws at April meeting**  
**Stuart- Second**  
**Motion Approved**

**Jesse- Motion to accept language** "Market membership deadline for the present year will be the April market meeting of that year. (Exceptions to this rule can be made only after a special vote by the general membership, taken in-person, or electronically, over a seven day period.)"

**Dawn second**  
**Motion approved**

POP Club- Brainstorm ways for children to be able to shop around for produce and meet with farmers. Possible one-time-use cards for program, group is supportive of program

Search for New Market Manager

- *Do you know of anyone?*
- \$3500/season (breaks down to \$50/market, plus \$1000 for out of market duties. Can have booth duty for extra \$10/market)
- Possibility of combining market manager and aggregation manager job (Aggregation salary for last year \$7,800 + 3,800 = \$11,600)