

**ST. JOSEPH FARMER'S MARKET  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2006**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the St. Joseph Farmer's Market Board was held on October 2, 2006 at the Stone House Restaurant in St. Joseph, MN. President Bernie Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terri Emmerich, Bernie Evans, Mary Niedenfuer, John Hooper, Jon Ness, and Mary Degiovanni

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Saupe and Lori Roggenkamp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bill Otto

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

A thank you was presented to Bill Otto for his fine work in coordinating a very successful Harvest Festival.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Terri to approve the minutes of September 5, 2006, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sauk Rapids is working toward forming a market and Bernie offered a meeting with any of our Board members who are interested and available so he will notify us when a date has been scheduled.

**WINTER MARKET**

The consensus was to leave the current fee structure in place for this year's winter market: \$5 per producer, with baked goods allowed at no extra charge; and \$10 for vendors. While these fees may not result in covering our costs 100%, the winter market is good promotion of the summer market so the benefit is worth the cost.

There was also discussion of whether the same rules for producers and vendors apply at both summer and winter market. It was agreed that to participate in the winter market, you must be a Market member, but that we would allow an exception at the winter market for Alvin to sell poultry not raised by him because there is usually a demand for that which may not otherwise be met, and it is related to the eggs and stewing hens he raises himself.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. TREASURER: No report
2. ADVERTISING/PROMOTION: No Report
3. EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT: No Report

4. RECRUITMENT: We discussed candidates for Board elections and our recommendation to the membership to vote upon approval will be Beth Albers, LuAnn Otto and Steve Saupe for new terms. We will also recommend membership approval to extend the term of Jon Ness for one more year in order to get us back on an alternating rotation.
5. MEETINGS ATTENDED: None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. HARVEST FESTIVAL: Suggestions for next year included: 1) scheduling a debriefing meeting shortly after the event and 2) try to avoid parking attendants filling the south lot first or everyone just comes in before the 3:00 pm start time. The Harvest Festival was a great success.
2. Bill reported on the market stand financial activity to date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Bernie circulated a draft agenda and alternative dates were discussed. Bernie will check on fire hall availability and confirm a date with all of us. Bill agreed to bring pop and LuAnn and Mary N. will work on treats. Mary N. will also solicit input on our laminated sign idea to have a final version ready for next Spring. Members will also be encouraged to suggest names or recruit directly for good additions to next year's summer market, specifically including dairy and more meat producers.

### **ADJOURN**

President Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

**Minutes By:**

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**Mary Degiovanni, Secretary**