

ASCENSION FRESH MARKET

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, July 8th, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Ascension Fresh Market was held in the offices of AEDC on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, beginning at 9:30 am, after proper notice sent by Tommy Kurtz, Chairman of the Ascension Fresh Market. The following members of the Board attended the meeting: Tommy Kurtz, Desiree Dorest, Norwood Milton, Eddie Faust, and Ramon Gomez. Christian Avery, Lillie Murphy, Butch Millet, and Lisa Bacala were absent. Tommy Kurtz called the meeting to order and Brandi Duplessis recorded the minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon dual motion made by Eddie Faust and seconded by Desiree Dorest, the meeting minutes of April 16th, 2008 are hereby approved contingent upon vote of the remainder of the Board via email.

New Vendor Position on Board

Paul Story of Storyland Produce asked to be a member of the Board. Therefore, Mr. Milton's position will be moved to a "vendor" position creating an open position for a farmer. All were in favor of this change contingent upon vote of the remainder of the Board.

Paul Story of Storyland Produce has been approved as a farmer Board member contingent upon vote of the remainder of the Board via email.

Financials

Tommy Kurtz gave the financial statements to the Board.

Upon dual motion made by Eddie Faust and second by Ramon Gomez, the board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the financial statements are hereby approved contingent upon vote of the remainder of the Board via email.

New Vendor Application

Chef Ron Barattini of Barattini's Bistreaux applied as a vendor to the farmers market to sell his salad dressings at the market. The board members unanimously approved the application contingent upon the vote of the remaining board members via email.

Other Business

Tommy Kurtz gave an update on how the new market coordinator is doing, while a few issues have come up over the past few weeks.

Tommy Kurtz advised the board that Susan Buckley is allowing other vendors to sell and pay her to be a part of the market. It has been unanimously agreed that this will not continue.

There has also been a report of one of the artists selling eggs that are not properly cleaned and sterilized. Hannah Landry will advise the artist that she can not sell produce unless she is a paid vendor to the farmer's market with her own liability insurance.

It was also brought to Hannah Landry's attention that a farmer is selling produce that is not locally grown and is being brought in from other areas. Desiree Dorest will meet with the county agent and investigate. It has been further agreed that a letter will be sent out to all farmers and vendors reminding them that ALL produce MUST be locally grown and not purchased.

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion made by Eddie Faust and seconded by Ramon Gomez, the meeting was adjourned.



Tommy Kurtz
Chairman, Ascension Fresh Market