

## Oak Park Farmers' Market Commission Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Present: Chair Melissa Wittenberg, Commissioners Betsy Fechalos, Chris Mitchell, Ann Bill, Nancy Fjortoft; Market Manager Meredith Conn, Assistant Market Manager Kathy Lewis, Church Liaison Jeff Peteril

Absent: Staff Liaison Mike Charley, Vendor Liaison Jim Vitalo, Commissioner Barb Dolan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The April 15, 2009 meeting minutes had grammatical corrections. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### Chairperson's Report – Melissa Wittenberg

- ⇒ Last neighbor flyer was passed out on the permanent opening. Good neighbor coupon for free donuts and beverages has been reinstated with a number that corresponds to the number on the flyer.
- ⇒ Church staff/donut committee is invited to opening day breakfast. Nancy Fjortoft will touch base with farmers regarding vendor of the week on the first day of the market.

### Committees & Special Events:

Go Green Day is set to go. Some participants include Fox Valley Electric Auto Association, rain barrels, Cheney Mansion's gardener will be composting, Bike Safety, Seven Generations Ahead, High School Environmental Club, and Jim Vitalo featuring cleaning solutions with vinegar. Innovation Station is a sponsor.

### Manager's Report – Meredith Conn

Both she & Chair Melissa held a successful demonstration at Cheney Mansion's Green Sunday. The \$2000.00 IL USDA grant for market is moving forward. Three new vendors accepted at market and market is full.

### Church Liaison – Jeff Peteril

Previous partners returning and Seven Generations Ahead is a new donut partner. A new automated donut dropper is ready for the new season. There will be a training session for the partner's on May 17 at 1:30pm.

### Merchandise & Sales Committee Report – Chris Mitchell

Maggie Den Hartog placed an order before her term was over.

### Day In Our Village

The event is on June 7 and Frank Pond and Chris Mitchell will be manning the booth. Other commissioners are encouraged to stop by.

### Friends' Committee – Barbara Dolan

Library Recruitment Evening next Tuesday at 7 pm. Friends are all set for May and June.

PR Committee Report – Betsy Fechalos

Information for the Go Green Event will go out to ABC 7, The Local Beet, and to Dave Powers for a Press Release. Event cards and booth signs have been printed. Booth signs need to get laminated.

Old Business – The entire market is officially & legally non-smoking. Mike Charley is working on signage.

Next Meeting: June 10 at 7pm in the Oak Park Village Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.