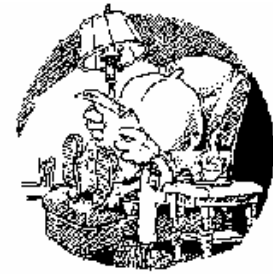


The Garbanzo Gazette

May 22, 2008



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GROWERS?

Hi Folks, Below is what we have going for the next Growers Board of Directors meeting, tonight, May 22nd at 7pm. Coordinator's Meeting Report, Bees, Grievance Committee Report, Agreement book, Green building committee, Community Agreement, Co-op Fruit Booth Relations, Edward's financial report, Check signers update Conflict of interest document, Co-op/Red Agave floor next steps, Tenant meeting report/IPM, Finance committee. The next board meeting will be Sunday, June 1st, at 5 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. The co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, June 2nd, 6 pm, at 380 Howard, Eugene.

PLEASE PREORDER

Folks please preorder, especially if you know that you want to get lots of avocados or bananas. This helps us to be sure that there is enough for all of us at growers.

URGENT HELP NEEDED ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

We (Myriah and Nathan) need help closing on Thursday evenings. Unfortunately we have no closer as of now! The job is from 7ish to 8:30ish and includes boxing up produce, sweeping, closing up bulk areas, and a few other miscellaneous items. This is a great way to get involved more with Growers and YOUR COMMUNITY on a regular basis...a steady job so to say. Growers gives us all so much, and now Growers need YOU! You can call Myriah at 343-6008 at Nathan at 302-3205 or stop by any Thursday evening. We look forward to your support!

FRIDAY MORNING HOURS CLARIFICATION

During the school year only, Growers will be open on Fridays, 9:30 am to noon. We will need to close promptly at noon. The 3:00 to 6:30 pm Friday hours remain in effect

ATTENTION WATER DRINKERS

You can now obtain filtered water by placing a container under the curved fixture that is on the water fountain upstairs in the Growers Market Building. The flow will slow down when the time comes to replace the filter.

--Milton Takei

RECYCLING UPDATE

Thanks to one of our Super Growers' members volunteer efforts, we now have regular plastic bag recycling in addition to the regular recycling services we enjoy Sharon bringing us each week! Growers' members are encouraged to bring clean plastic bags into the Market for others to re-use. Until now, we have been throwing all excess plastic from packaging and re-use donations into the landfill. A big thanks goes out to Cindy, who has volunteered to pick up extra recyclable bag plastic once a week and schlepp them to the Fred Meyer plastic bag recycling station in their lobby. Thank you for making concerted efforts to avoid using new plastic bags, and also thanks to Sharon and Cindy for their tireless efforts to make recycling happen!

ROOM FOR RENT

I have a bedroom & 1/2 bath available to share in my GREEN, ECO-CONSCIOUS home on Willamette River bike path. Room has wood floors, direct sun, & pleasant view. I am a clean, tidy, organized, health-conscious, considerate, respectful, employed woman, seeking female roommate with similarities to share this beautiful 2BR, 1 & 1/2 bath. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, pretty yard, space for planting and patio, on-premise parking. 5 min. walk to path, on busline, 10 min. drive to downtown, walking distance to vegetarian buffet, shopping and 2nd hand stores. Cool neighborhood!! Close to fitness center with very inexpensive daily usage fee -\$2.50. \$350 + 1/2 utilities, no smokers, or drug users. Will consider female, indoor cat. Call Sandra @ 689-0090 for more information. I'm a Grower member.

PLACE TO LIVE NEEDED

I am looking for a place to live. I need a space for me, my one older dog, one older cat and one outdoor cat. Either one large room or two small rooms. One to live in and one to sew in. Enough room in the back to put up an 8'x8' Market Booth so I can keep making candles. I prefer the River Road area, but will consider others. Close to bus route as I don't drive. I need to move by late July or August as construction will be happening at my current residence. Please call Sue 688-6679

PROFESSIONAL GARDENER

Need to add some curb appeal to your home? Will weed, prune, plant, re-plant your front lawn or backyard. Many happy references! Rates are only \$15 per hour, 2 hour minimum within the Eugene area. Call me today for availability. Myhra 684-8243

Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that Thursday or Friday.

FREE COMPUTER!

Free desktop computer! The 1998 HP Pavillion 350 Mhz we used for years has become obsolete at our house. NextStep will take any and all computer/s and parts, and it was destined to go there. However, they charge \$15 to receive a CRT monitor. That's the cost to part it out if it doesn't work, and they assess this fee whether it is received in working order or not. The thing about this computer is, it works perfectly! It's sometimes faster than the computers we currently use, but we don't have the space for its monitor. We've stripped all the personal stuff from it but left its operating system on and some basic programs. This computer would be a great little guy for a school or home with some space but no computer. We don't want to have to pay to get it relocated, but it's a resource that could be appreciated by someone. If you're interested, call Julie & Andreas at 338-0031.

GROWERS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES, MAY 13, 2008

Minutes by: Jennefer Harper

Present: Jennefer Harper, Doug Quirke, Brian Hebb, Nathan Greene, Willcee (Alex Bibicoff), Leauriy Polk, Moises Lucero, Rodney Tisdale, Samuel Rutledge, Jaci Guarena, Harijot, Edward Winter, Iris Bicksler, Milton, Lareina DePompeo

Not present: Aya Watanabe, Gary Kutcher, Johnathan, Richard Tetley,

Introductions / Agenda Review / Announcements

Johnathan has stepped down from the board.

Consensus Rap

A discussion was had about a standing agreement that a person not at a meeting can still disagree with a decision if it is a reversible decision. That decision will be brought back to another meeting. Strive for brevity in your truth. At Growers, consensus is a horizontal structure of power, no one has any more power than anyone else, though some folks have more information and there are no bosses here though some folks try to create one because that's what they are used to. We are all equal. Please be on time for these meetings. If you are not going to be at the meeting, please call someone. We need a quorum of six people.

07-08 Reports

Edward's building manager report:

- Edward mentioned that he thought it important for us to have a personnel committee and for the board to evaluate him.
- Red Agave lease length is 7 years (from July 1st) with two 5-year extensions.
- Building account at Pacific Continental check signers: Doug, (need to replace Aya,) Jan Nelson
- Calvert account check signers: Rodney, Aya, Zorba *about \$6,000 in this account
- There will be a "check signers account" update report soon.
- Need a training for new board members.
- Sends out a weekly manager report unless he attends the meeting
- Put in a new water facet with a filter
- Some exit signs need fixing- some don't light up in an emergency. Replaced one with LED light. \$25 per battery. We will save energy.
- The roof has been leaking. We need to patch it by the drain, but otherwise don't need to replace roof for a couple years. Does anyone know a roofer?
- Nothing has been done about the bees. **Tabled**
- We are interested in solar panels, insulation, and new windows. Edward hopes the new board will form a green building committee.

- \$45,000 is the cost to fix the floor in Red Agave. Co-op floor may have some similar problems. Termites? Dry rot? The floor upstairs is deteriorating.

- We are interested in moving the compressors in Red Agave and the Market to the roof. If we do this, it may run less efficiently in the winter.

- Room #214 has not been used much.

- Passed out a financial statement.

Treasury Report:

- Harijot= no formal report.

- Sam reports= The board had a deadlock about the financial policy for the organization, between the board, the building funds, the coop funds, and the fruitbooth funds.

- Edward thinks that financial oversight is really important. A finance committee would be great.

Grievance Committee Report: There is an active grievance but having a hard time contacting one party. New board does not have to get involved. Update at next meeting. **(tabled)**

- There has been no further discussion about replacing bathroom and kitchen in Market to lease to Red Agave.

- There is a draft of the "Community Agreement" still in discussion (posted by the board by the round table)

08-09 officer selection/roles/jobs

Officers can call special meetings, and are empowered to make decisions outside of the bod meetings only if the decisions need to be made before the next meeting time or in emergencies.

The following officers and liaisons were consensed on:

Jennefer nominated for secretary (w/ Willcee help) (yes)

Rodney nominated for president (yes)

Nathan nominated for treasurer (yes)

Sam volunteers for Market liaison (yes)

Jaci volunteers for Fruit Booth liaison (yes)

Jennefer & Willcee volunteer for Tenant liaison (yes)

Rodney nominated for building manager liaison (yes)

GBOD meeting (next dates/times)

May 22nd Thursday 7pm

Sunday June 1st 5pm

New board retreat (tabled)

Mural (tabled)

Minutes

The minute takers will send draft minutes electronically to the board of directors. Each director will read the minutes within five days. If a director disputes a section of the minutes, they must submit that dispute to the minute taker within five days. Undisputed sections will be considered consensed to after five days and broadcast to the e-mail list and posted publicly in the building. Disputed sections will be discussed at the next board meeting, consensed to, broadcast, and post.

Timeliness

Be on time! Jaci is bringing a chocolate treat for people who are on time to the next meeting.

Resolution book (tabled)

Conflicts of interest

We discussed and disclosed conflicts of interest.

Green bldg (tabled) / Tenants mtg report (tabled)

Consensus training: Tentatively Tuesday the 27th 6pm

Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 9:30 to noon and 3:00 to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. growers@lists.opn.org To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145

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