

Grand Mound Rochester Horizons
August 19, 2010 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Steering Committee was called to order at 6:35 PM by Bill Liddle.

Those present were: Bill & Donna Zimmerman, Donna Smith, Bobbi White, Travis & Jessica Kinney, Bethany Lael, Ora & Lee Jacobson, and Bill Liddle.

We each introduced ourselves to the rest of the group.

It was moved by Donna Zimmerman and seconded by Bill Zimmerman to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

No Treasurers Report because the interim Treasurer was not present.

Because of the makeup of those in attendance it was decided to switch Old Business for New Business on the agenda.

The six individuals who are Farmer's Market vendors had several questions about how the Grand Mound Rochester Horizons group (GMR Horizons) related to the Farmer's Market operation.

Bill L. described the GMR Horizons as a local group of individuals who had been given training by outside coaches in ways to "Reduce Poverty" in the local area. We have decided to change the focus to one of "Increasing Prosperity" through creating an atmosphere where community ideas can be birthed and helped to grow. We have been given a small grant that allows us to provide small "start up" loans to help get things like the local Farmer's Market up and running. GMR Horizons has no intention of "taking over" or running forever any of the projects we help get started. Our focus is to provide as much help, physically and/or fiscally to implement new ideas for increasing prosperity in the local community. In the case of the Farmer's market for the 2010 season GMR Horizons loaned approximately \$1,500 to finance the start up. Just over \$1,200 has been repaid out of the fees charged vendors during this year. It is anticipated that by the October 6th Saturday the full amount will have been repaid. It was agreed that GMR Horizon will provide to the vendors group a detailed accounting of how the nearly \$1,500 in startup money was spent. They were assured the Farmer's Market was not designed, or intended to be an income source for GMR Horizons.

Those six vendors were also assured GMR Horizons would continue to support the Farmer's market as long as the group wanted. GMR Horizons would also bless them in their endeavor if they (the vendors) decided to branch out on their own.

At this point the vendors thanked us for our explanations and departed from the meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussing, the proposed Steering Committee Policies and Procedures document by Bill & Donna Zimmerman, Donna Smith and Bill Liddle. Two typos were corrected, a phrase deleted from Sub-section 4(a). (*assist Fiscal agent (Rochester Water Association) with raising funds*) as not relevant and possibly misleading. Another change was to add the words "to all members" after the word "distributed" in the second sentence of Sub-section 9(a) and changing the "*one week notice*" to "*three weeks notice*" in that same sentence. It was moved and seconded the Policy and Procedure document as just revised be adopted by the group. Motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Bill Liddle
Steering Committee Secretary
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