

Food Coop Minutes
May 20, 2006

Present: Cheryl Haworth, Will Carey, Steve Brenner, Rick Lehman, Gian Mercurio

General Discussion: Will Carey discussed Persephone Farm and their CSA (Community Supported Association) program, and the Scio poultry processing initiative.

The Building:

Rick met with Merritt Schilling. He approves of the plan to work on one floor at a time. He has tools he can loan us. Will loan steel for support. The plan is to place a steel structure inside the existent masonry structure and pretty much independent of it. Randy has broken up and removed much of the old concrete and **Randy** and Rick will have the outside deck complete for his musical event, the Saturday of Pioneer Picnic. Steve mentioned that his civil engineer brother Howard can help some on structural details, but would not sign off on any plans. **Rick** will work on some preliminary drawings. Rick said that we can't use the old glass coolers as coolers because they are too expensive to operate. Gian said that First Alternative Coop has some shelving that we can have.

The Buyer's Club:

Steve checked out buying direct from United Grocers instead of using The Eugene Grower's Market as a middleman, but they require a minimum order of \$1000. so that's not feasible. In addition to option of buying from the Growers Market for both produce and United Grocers stuff, we could buy from the Organically Grown Coop with a minimum order of \$100. Donna DiPietro (466-3345) goes weekly. It was discussed that we should cover gas costs for people going to Eugene to pick up food etc. from Grower's.

Checking Account and legal issues:

Steve will look into what's involved with getting a checking account at Key Bank, and what's involved with getting registered with the state.

Farmer's Market:

We're hoping to start the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 1. It will run 3 or 4 weeks per month, July through September, Saturdays from 9-1. **Cheryl** will make signs to go up in mid June. We need one or more canopies for the money taker and a communal area for very small growers. We might get one from the City or Randy. We discussed charging 15% to cover market costs. We decided to keep it free for growers who will staff their own booths and keep track of their own money at least for the present. Very small growers who only have a box or two of produce and need space and help with cashiering will be charged 15%.

Gian will contact Steve Posavatz and Sheri Falk. **Cheryl** will contact Rhoda, Sonja and Denea, and Melissa Kendel. **Steve** will contact Anne Stein and Nan and Steve Van Sandt. **Steve** will work up a sheet for the Farmers Market

Nest Meeting: 10 am, Saturday, June 10 at Randy's