

Summary of Market Days Vendor Meeting – June 6, 2009-06-08

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. Rent for 2010 – The rent for 2010 will remain at \$520; \$490 rent and \$30 garbage fee. Members of the Lions met with TDC (trash service) this past week and are hopeful about a new collection method which may cost less. However, at this point we still must charge the \$30 for the year. As soon as we are able to reduce the fee, we will let you know.
2. Fire safety issues – Fire Safety Manager, Sam Davis, talked about the inspections for fire extinguishers he has been conducting the past 2 months. All vendors MUST have a 2.5 lb. fire extinguisher, charged and mounted for use on Market Days where anyone can see it. The Wimberley Fire Marshall has told us they cannot get the fire trucks inside the market, so we must be very strict about this issue. Sam will continue his inspections, with follow-up by the ambassadors. Questions were asked about fire extinguishers for day renters. We will add the requirement to the day renter rules and also explore selling fire extinguishers to those who do not have them. We will also investigate having someone at Market Days to recharge fire extinguishers for vendors. Sam requested that all vendors help us be vigilant and report anyone who is in violation of fire safety rules.
3. Please be sure to read the newsletter this month about the Wimberley July 3 parade and the traffic issues it may cause for vendors who arrive on Friday morning. An alternate route for approaching Market Days from the north will be posted on the Website the week before the July market.
4. Frank Williams was introduced as the new Assistant General Manager for Market Days. He will take over as the General Manager when Bill Noles retires in a year or so.
5. There will be a vendor referral program for 2010 in order to encourage current vendors to recommend quality vendors for the booths currently unoccupied. A list of rules will be printed in the newsletter in July. Vendors may receive \$50 rebate on their 2010 rent for each vendor they refer who signs and pays rent for 2010. Questions were asked about whether the Lions intend to do anything about booths that are listed for sale for unreasonable amounts. Bill suggested that vendors who have energy on this issue get together and develop some suggestions about the value of booths in different areas of the market. The Lions know this is a problem; this is one of the reasons the Ambassadors have been collecting data about empty booths. It

is a difficult issue because most of the empty booths have paid their rent for the year. One of the things we may consider is the refusal of lease renewal for booths that have been consistently empty.

6. Belinda Zent, booth 15, volunteered to contact local organizations to organize a recycling program at Market Days. The Lions have offered this program to organizations before, but they don't follow through. We support recycling fully, but don't have the staff to be able to do it ourselves. If you are interested in helping with the effort, please see Belinda in booth 15. Thank you, Belinda!
7. We are having a decorating contest for July 4th. Ambassadors will nominate booths who have done a good job decorating and then 3 winners will be drawn from all booths nominated. Each winner will receive a portable DVD player.
8. Anyone interested in an ad for the 2010 directory should contact Madonna Kimball at 512-842-5162 or Madonna@suncountrypublications.com. We are offering a 20% discount for each add approved and paid for by August 1. Prices are the same as last year and are listed in the newsletter this month (June.)