Mountain Fresh Memo

To: Current, Former, & Potential Mountain Fresh Members

From: Mountain Fresh Board of Directors

Date: March 5, 2018

Subj: Membership Materials & Meeting April 10, 2018

Thank you for your interest in and support of the Mountain Fresh Producers Association. Enclosed is an application for the 2018-19 market season (summer and winter).

We will be having our first 2018 membership meeting:

April 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Garrett Co. Extension Office

It is very important that you attend this meeting!

A draft agenda for the meeting is on the back.

We'll be having **elections** of four of the board members at this member meeting. We encourage you to consider running for a place on the board to help our organization grow!

Darlene Terlizzi will again be our **Market Coordinator**. Her cell phone number is 240-285-7420 and her home number is 301-334-9398.

Remember, if you would like to request a **reserved space** for the Oakland market, mark the spot on the application and your application, membership dues and pre-paid season fees must be received by May 1. **Preference for reserved spaces is given to fresh produce vendors.** The market must have more fresh produce vendors than other types of vendors, so not all new, non-farmer vendors can be approved.

We have several **committees** and we need members to volunteer to serve. Please look at the committee list in the agenda and consider helping us out!

Danny Poyer will again be running our SNAP/EBT machine, and distributing tokens for customers to spend at the market. You'll turn in your tokens each day, get your receipt, and get paid every two weeks. If you sign up for direct deposit, you get your payments faster (all they need is an email address for direct deposit info to be sent to.) We'll have the forms for you to complete at the April 10 meeting to choose direct deposit or a check.

The Board kept **membership fees the same** this year. (See fee schedule in this packet).

Note: The deadline to submit your application to be a member is *May 1, 2018*. If you wish to request a reserved space(s), application and fees <u>must</u> be received by May 1, 2018.

2018 Market Schedule:		
Saturdays & Wednesdays	June 2 – October 31	10 am to 1 pm
Corn Roast	September 1	10 am to 1 pm
Autumn Glory Festival	October 10-13	Times TBD

If you have questions or need an additional copy of the application form for the 2018 season, call the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 or visit www.MountainFresh.org

Mountain Fresh Producers Association Membership Meeting April 10, 2018 7:00 pm, Garrett Co. Extension Office

Draft Agenda

Review notes from the April 11, 2017 Membership Meeting

Treasurer's Report - 2017 Financial Report & 2018 Proposed Budget Approval:

Election of Board of Directors

The following board of director seats will be voted on this year (2 year terms):

George Beckman, Betty Bolyard, Allen Lilly, Grace Robertson

Committee Creation

Advertising

Special Days

Audit

Quality Assurance

Other Business

Adjourn

Mountain Fresh Producers Association 2018 Proposed Budget			
Insurance	\$1,500.00		
Special Days	1,000.00		
Dinner	1,500.00		
Advertising	5,000.00		
Office Expenses	500.00		
Coordinator	3,500.00		
Capital Expenses	1,500.00		
Winter Operating	<u>\$500.00</u>		
	\$15,000.00		

FYI - 2017 Reported Summer Market Sales Data (total of \$351,040 was reported; in addition, the amount of \$4,342 in the total wasn't broken into a category on the slips):

