

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County
Board of Directors
May 28, 2013

Present: Mike Sakell, Donna Willi, Tara VanHorn, Earl Myers, Steve Mogel, Dawn Boyes, Greg Sandor, Glenn Pontier, Joan Howard, Pam Rourke, Tracey Argent, Kitty Vetter

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Introductions

Motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting was made by Glenn and seconded by Pam

Correspondence

- Walter Stein has resigned from the Board due to other commitments at this time

Budget

- If continue as we are we will end the year with at \$275,980 shortfall
- Personnel & Finance Committee have been having extended discussions on the situation
 - o Resolution: P&F directs the Executive Director to cut \$275,000 from the budget and or raise the equivalent by June 7th.
- Federal retro-active cuts will not be bringing in expected income
- Look at program history (attendance, profit, etc.)
- This cut will not fall equally across the board
- Cant cut staff that bring in funding (grant paid staff)
- Alternative – merge with Delaware, Orange or Ulster and become a regional office
 - o This would be a last choice if we lose more funding and cannot bring in any alternate funding source.
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Pam to set a plan in motion to cut \$275,000 from the budget or raise the equivalent by June 7th. Seconded by Pam, all in favor, passed.
- Greg will meet with the staff in the morning and let them know this motion was made by the Board.

Fundraising Committee Report

- Friends of Extension will meet on June 4th
- Five committees have been set
- Goal is to raise \$200,000 for building and programs
- July 12th will be the kick-off
- June 11th is the next Friends of Extension Meeting

Program Committee

- Program area's discussed the programs they are working on
- Everyone discussed their vision for CCE

- April reported on the 4-H Strategic Planning Committee

Executive Directors Report

- May 3rd trip to Cornell
 - o Scott, Ira, Kitty and Cora attended with Glenn, Joan, Karin (SCCC)
 - o Plan to bring Cornell resources to Sullivan County
- Furlough is over
- Emergency campaign appeal raised over \$15,000
- Working on a 3 year plan for programs
 - o Will include collaborating with other local agencies possibly on acquiring grants
- Attended the tourism summit in Albany (Agri-tourism)
- 100 Year Campaign Celebration campaign office will be set up across the hall
- Master Gardener Plant Sale is this Saturday

Legislative Report

- County is in desperate shape
- County needs to help small business grow, especially in the area of agriculture
- County wants to support education – schools, SCCC and CCE, this was mentioned the State of the County address

Building Update

- Parking lot repair was in the County 2012 Capital Budget but was not done
- Roof replacement is in the 2013 County Capital Budget
- HVAC system needs to be replaced and we are working on a plan to add to the grant from Aileen Gunther

Other – none

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm made by Glenn, seconded by Earl, all in favor, passed

Respectfully submitted by Tracey Argent for Glenn Pontier