

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Board of Directors - Minutes
July 22, 2014

Present: Donna Willi, Kitty Vetter, Dawn Boyes, Chris Gozza, Glenn Pontier, Pam Rourke, Joan Howard, Pat Claiborne, Tracey Argent, Steve Mogel, Mike Sakel

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting made by Dawn, seconded by Donna
All in favor, passed

Legislative Report

- Redistricting is happening and has caused some issues in the County
 - o Census numbers have changed so this needed to happen
 - o If it did not happen now, we would need to have a separate election which would be very costly
- Casinos
 - o Being discussed how it will effect the County
- Changes with Planning for small business has been done – available to view
- Jail project has been passed
- Resolution (June 2014) all contracts more than \$50,000 become public
- Joe DeJong an ex-Orange County 4-H volunteer has over the last several years continued to email legislators/supervisors, senators, congressmen and assemblyman on how CCE is funded, Joes most recent email was discussed
 - o Pat discussed the issue & gave background on Joe and his relationship with CCEOC
 - o Email from Paul at CCE Admin on how to respond to the email
- Assessed value of property – not building
 - o Call Town of Liberty Assessors Office to see if there is an assessed value
 - o May not have an assessed value
 - o Tax map numbers to Steve Mogel
- Budget
 - o Complete application
 - o No narrative
 - o Numbers, numbers, numbers – who you reach, deliverables
 - o Line by line budget
 - o Transparency

Presidents Report

- Fundraising for building
 - o Arch finished plans
 - o Phil and Jerry and still meeting with funders
 - o They are on track with what they want to accomplish
 - o They will present a plan to the Board
- Cert of Occupancy for kitchen was granted

ED Report

- Eat Smart NY – RFP has changed the whole application process
 - o SBN will be applying
 - o 60% of staff across the state will be losing their jobs because they do not meet the new qualifications

- OC will be the Regional Lead and will be hiring the staff that will work in Sullivan County
- Application was kicked back for additional information
- This means Sullivan County will have no staff to do nutritional programming. The staff will only be able to work with Food Stamp Eligible people
- Pat met with Freda and Melinda to discuss how the partnership is going and what is going to happen moving forward.
 - This will go before Govt Services Committee
 - Give more impact – power point, visual
- Grants – are seeking other funding opportunities
 - Farmland Protection - \$1,000,000 with County
 - Two block grants
 - Catskill Watershed
 - Elder Care with Office for the Aging – possible funding CCE doing education
 - United Way Grant – three year grant
 - Financial Literacy – SBN Grant
 - Community Foundation
- Audit is completed – report should be available in October
 - Board members will receive questionnaires
- Program Committee Meeting
 - Staff updates were given by Michelle and Bonnie
 - Plan of Work process was shared and Needs Assessment is being done
 - Outcomes – staff time, cost, what programs are needed, what programs should not be done
 - Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Group
 - Cost for Sullivan \$8,000
 - Suggestion was made that we find out from the Sullivan County people this would benefit would this help them or can their needs be met in other ways
 - What are we going to get for our money?
 - Invite the group here and invite the farmers that would be served to come here and then we decide – Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Dawn, all in favor, passed. (Fort Delaware, National Park Service, Tri-Valley School)- Ag and Sustainability Committee – notify
- EaT Kitchen Meeting
 - Moving forward – Extensions Role
 - Focus on entrepreneurial piece
 - What will the look, process, cost be, mission
 - Received additional \$20,000 for equipment
 - Would like to start soliciting for kitchen items – Kaiser
 - Kitchen committee should sit down with the fundraising committee
 - Kitchen Committee would like to present to Board on either August 5th or 19th
 - Special Board Meeting August 19th at 7:00 pm

Personnel & Finance

- ED Search Update – Committee will meet on the 29th to decide on phone interviews
 - 20 plus new applicants
- Ag Community Educator
 - Michelle Lipari was hired as a temp, job was listed, applications were reviewed and Michelle was deemed best candidate and offered the job

Fundraising

- Fundraising letters were sent to approx. 5,000 people
 - o Approx. \$7,000 has been received
 - o Another letter will be sent to higher level funders
- One in a thousand pins will be given to anyone who donates \$100
- Barn Dance and BBQ on Sept 6th
- Trail Hike– October 18th
- Centennial Gala –Sunday, November 9th - Time travel theme – Bernie’s – DJ – Auction
 - o Each Board member will be given 10 tickets to sell
 - o More than 150 people the event will move to the Sullivan

Motion to adjourn Dawn, seconded by Kitty