

Board of Directors  
May 18, 2010

Present: Walter Stein, Marianna Quartararo, Liz Huggler, Bridget Lounsbury, Andy Hahn, Joan Howard, Tracey Argent, Marc Jaffe, Joe Walsh, Jean Smith

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Marc Jaffe

Minutes of the March meeting were discussed

- Change D Hahn to A Hahn
- Motion to approve the minutes with that change made by Jean, seconded by Liz

Search Committee Report

- The committee unanimously agreed to offer the position to John Selover
- John accepted the position and will start July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Motion to formally offer John the position was made by Jean, seconded by Joan

Executive Directors Report

- Regionalization – There will be a Regional Board Meeting on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> in Fishkill

- \* Statewide issues and what will be done in the South East will be discussed
- \* Program Area educators have already met to decide their future moves
- \* Shared Business Centers are in the plan – to share duties across the state for personnel, bookkeeping and IT
- \* Accounting people are already working on a new chart of accounts for the move
- \* Cornell is behind this plan and is pushing it
- Golf Tournament
  - \* We are offering a volunteer challenge to the volunteer who brings in the most dollars will receive a catered dinner for 10 prepared by the CCE Staff
  - \* Marc will sponsor a Board of Directors Team
- Joe's last official day is May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Joe thanked the Board for allowing him to serve under them.

Ag & Natural Resources Program Report

- Horticulture - Marianna
  - \* Growing Mushrooms had 30 people in attendance
  - \* Apple Trees had 25+ in attendance
  - \* Slither In had 14 adults and youth in attendance
  - \* Marianna is holding Q & A sessions at the local garden centers on the weekends
  - \* Working at the Adult Day Care Center on a memory garden
  - \* Working on getting in a shade garden speaker
  - \* Working with WIC on starting a Children's Garden
  - \* For July working on a how to show and grow class for the fair
  - \* An all day Identifying Mushrooms class
- Dairy and Livestock - Trish
  - \* report distributed

- Dan is working with Thunder County Radio on a Farm and Garden Report
- Ag educators are doing an Ag Road Show – every week they go to a different town and do a meet and greet and Q & A session
- Down on the Farm day will be held at Weismann’s farm as they are celebrating a 150 year anniversary
- Shooting Sports Program
  - \* Nationally based program, we have over 26 participants and 7 state certified leaders

#### Personnel and Finance

- Team Building for team leaders is moving forward
- Vacation accrual policy was reviewed and it is requested that the Board accept the study/retirement leave requests from Marylin, Marianna, Tracey and John that were previously presented in January.
  - \* Motion to accept these requests made by Andy, seconded by Jean

#### Financial Update

- Year to date for March 31, 2010
  - \* Revenue looks good
  - \* Would like a month to month comparison April 09 to April 10
  - \* June will be the half way mark to make decisions
- County Budget
  - \* Parking Lot repair should have been in the County’s 2010 budget – Marc will look into this with John Wilcox

#### Other

- Orientation of John Selover
  - \* Staff will have orientation
  - \* An Open House will be held
  - \* Kathy Scholl will handle the Cornell end of the orientation process
  - \* John will attend the upcoming New Staff Orientation at Cornell
- Interim handling of the CCE Office
  - \* Dan & Bridget will handle financial matters
  - \* Amanda & Tracey will handle Personnel matters

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm made by Joan, seconded by Liz

Respectfully submitted by Tracey Argent