

## Lee Agricultural Commission

April 24, 2018

**Present:** Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Donna Lee Wood, Kristen Cisneros, Laura Gund.

Michael Zahorik once again visited us from COLSA.

**Minutes:** Accepted as written and passed.

**Finances:** There is \$6524.82 in the Ag. Comm. account with \$1725.17 in the Farmers Market. At this time there is \$995 outstanding.

**Farm Brochure:** We have to pick photos and add the programs for the Backyard Farming Initiative for 2019, as well as a few minor changes. Hopefully the final proof will be available at our next meeting.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** Last night, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the “How To Care For Your Garden” segment, Dick Wolmar and Yuda Daskal were the speakers. The May meeting will be “When To Harvest.” Kristen will speak about succession planting, cutting costs and why she started canning. Chuck will talk about storing seeds. Ann Hamilton, Ext. Food Safety Extension Specialist, may also be at the meeting.

**Lee Fair:** Kristen is starting early to advertise the Best of Harvest. She will need judges for each category, (3 per category). She also will do prizes and suggested possibly coupons from places such as Aubuchon’s. How do we handle selling food when people ask to buy the products in the contest? Should the cooks all have business cards available? We have, in the past, inquired of vendors whether they would want to do a market at the fair. The problem is that Saturday is a big market day for many of the vendors.

**Suppers, breakfasts, ice cream socials?** It has been suggested that we do other meals during the year to raise money for the fair. This was discussed for a while. Perhaps a spaghetti supper at the summer solstice (June 21<sup>st</sup>).

There was a general discussion about the changes at the Thompson School of Applied Sciences. There have been many recently with just a few of the programs staying.

Next meeting will be May 29, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.