

July 31, 2012

Lee Agricultural Commission

Present were Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Carole Dennis, Paul Gasowski, Laura Gund

**Minutes:** *Dwight moved to accept the minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Paul.* Minutes accepted as written.

**Financial Report:** Nothing is changed. Funds need to be transferred into the Lee Fair account so it will be readily available when needed. \$1500 would be enough to fund the pig roast.

*Motion: Paul moved to appropriate \$1500 to be put into the Lee Fair fund account. Dwight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**Lee Little River Fair:** Paul showed a draft of the Harvest Supper poster with photos, etc. Poster was approved and we will have 18 large ones and 24 small ones. Paul has also prepared the tickets for this year's supper. Cost will be \$10 for an adult and \$5 for kids.

**Dessert Contest:** The library is co-sponsoring the dessert contest. The Ag. Comm. will pay the prizes as the co-sponsor. Annie Gasowski will get the rules of the Dessert Contest to the IT person, so they can go up on the web site. \$105.00 will be required for the Dessert Contest prizes: \$20 each for the first four places and \$25 for People's Choice.

*Motion: Paul moved and Dwight seconded that we approve this amount of money for the dessert contest.*

**Menu:** Paul wondered whether we could buy local food for the menu, since our ultimate goal would be to serve food from our local farms. Discussed who would have the food that we need. Paul did some research on buying chickens locally. Market Basket has whole chickens from Pennsylvania at \$2.59/lb. There followed a discussion of letting people know that we can't get local poultry. Should we put an article in the Newsletter, sending a copy to our legislators. Paul will continue to check into chicken availability.

**Food preparation:** If we use the Grange for food preparation we should donate \$100 to the Grange, as we would be cooking all day. We should also consider reimbursing Dave Miner for the use of his tent.

**Volunteers:** discussed the various jobs that would need to be done. Volunteers will be needed for the pig roast.

**Pickle, Pie, Relish Contest:** We need someone to organize this. We can use the same tent as will be used for the Dessert Contest.

**Ag. Brochure:** Discussed the brochure. We picked specific farms for members of the commission to call.

**Semiquincentennial:** In 2016, as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration, the Semiquincentennial committee plans to do a cookbook featuring local farms and their recipes. This will go along with the re-publishing of the bicentennial cookbook.

Next meeting will be August 28, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund