

LEE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

September 30, 2014

Present at this meeting were Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Steve Haendler, Paul Gasowski, Donna-Lee Woods, Laura Gund, Dave Miner.

Minutes of the August 26th meeting were approved, with corrections.

Finances: The Agricultural Commission has \$4899.48 in their budget; the printing costs for the brochure have been paid. There is \$1318.10 in the Farmers Market account, including vendor's fees.

Lee Fair Finances: The Harvest Supper brought in \$2367. As yet the Boy Scouts have not paid for their supper tickets, which totaled approximately \$70. There were 247 supper tickets sold and we probably served 255 people. Success! Expenses at this point total \$1094, not counting Paul's \$100 invoice. Paul suggests that we absorb the cost of the Boy Scouts' tickets in appreciation of the work they do at the fair. *Motion was made, and seconded, to do this. Motion passed.* Erick wondered if we wanted to split with the fair the cost of the refrigerator truck. *Chuck makes a motion to split the cost of the truck 50/50 with the fair committee. Passed.* Laura makes a motion to donate \$150 to the Jeremiah Smith Grange, for the use of their building in the preparations of the harvest supper. *Passed.* Chuck and Paul feel the farm games went well. No kids showed up for the kids games and there were no young people. Thanks to everyone for a great fair!

Backyard Farming Initiative: Breakaway Media will do the filming again. Annie Gasowski will be the library liaison. No other updates at this point. The committee will be meeting soon. Erick suggests that each farm on the agendas discuss regulatory problems they run into. It was suggested that Russ Atherton speak about his butcher shop. Other speakers might be Dwight Barney and Dave Miner. It was also suggested that we increase the amount the Farming Initiative donates to the Grange.

Budget: It's time to do a presentation to the Budget Committee and we will do the same as last year. Talked about asking for money for a newsletter, especially some advertising for the Backyard Farming. Amanda Gourgue might look for grants for a newsletter. *Motion was made to add \$1500 for promotional materials to the budget.*

Brochures: Discussed the distribution of brochures.

Farmers Market: Dick Babcock was pleased with the market this year. Tina Sawtelle's Facebook page has been helpful.

Next meeting: October 28, 2014

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund