

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County
Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

7:00 PM

JCC Carnahan Center Room 123

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Almeter at 7:06 pm.

Members present: Ron Almeter, Diane Hovey, Alyssa Porter (arrived after mtg started), Jeff Miller, Chad Buck, Suzanne Fassett-Wright, Randy Henderson, Patty Benton, Renee Mooneyhan

Excused members: George Haffenden, Pat Walker, Dan Heitzenrater

Absent members: Dan Pavlock, Camille Rosado

Legislative Representatives present: John Hemmer

CCE Staff present: Emily Reynolds, Darcy Cramer

Others Present: none

Approval of Minutes. Jeff Miller proposed a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 30th meeting as presented. Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried: 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Director's presentation given by Emily Reynolds (attached).

Legislative Report given by John Hemmer – did not discuss CCE since our last meeting.

Program Committee Reports

- 4-H (reported by Lewis Smith & Jan Schauman)- discussed need to be proactive rather than reactive. Finished Green Tie Dinner pie auction over \$6,000, early estimate of \$24,000 raised total, going into ag literacy week, 4H presentations, going to invite representatives who run 4H snack shack to form committee to sustain into the future

- Agriculture (Ron Almeter and Jeff Miller) – haven’t had Ag committee meeting since last January meeting.
- Master Gardeners (Dinah Hovey) – Annual Plant Sale May 13, new class of master gardener apprentices, helpline will be active on April 6, new horticultural newsletter “The Optimistic Gardener” partnership between Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, Prendergast Library asked master gardeners to get involved in outdoor patio area and “Table of Fun” at block parties, book club met for its last session, helping with seed libraries at Falconer Memorial and Silver Creek Anderson Lee libraries – figuring out how to start seed libraries and how to start gardens

Community Partner Reports

Ron Almeter shared about the Lenses of Humanity presented by Kyle Reyes, brought here by United Way, seminar on 4 different ways of looking at the world and each other.

Old Business

Constitution review- reviewing options

New Business

Motion by Chad Buck to approve 2023 Cornell BR agreement, seconded by Louis Smith. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Randy Henderson to approve 2023 CCE Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Inclusion Plan, seconded by Alyssa Porter. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Jeff Miller to approve 2023 AR County Agreement, seconded by Randy Henderson. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Randy Henderson to approve the attached year end transfers and account creations, seconded by Louis Smith, as amended. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Amendment Discussion: Louis makes the motion to amend the transfers and account creations that the payment to the 4-H endowment of \$14,722.60 go instead to the 4H general fund. Chad seconded 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Chad Buck to enter executive session to review personnel issues, seconded by Randy Henderson. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion to come out of exec session Chad Buck motions, seconded by Louis Smith. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:59am made by Jeff Miller, Patty Benton seconded. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed

Announcements:

Next regular board meeting will be, May 22, 2023, Chautauqua Institution.