

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
Minutes
December 20, 2016

In attendance: George Asprocolas, Robin Bruins, Marty Bullock, Bill Carney, Ross Clayton, Dale Cruzan, Gary DeFelice, Gabi Grunstein, Stuart T. Faunce, Wicki Hom, Madison Lofogren, Bill McCormack, Daniel McCormack, Leah McCormack, Matthew Newman, Randy Peck, Joanna Ricci, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Walker, Ed Wengryn, and Jim Wikoff.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill McCormack at 7:35 PM.
Angelo Trapani moved to accept the minutes. This motion was seconded by Wick Hom and passed.
Wicki Hom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Seconded by Ross Clayton, this motion was approved.

Correspondence
Green Heritage – County Parks newsletter

FFA
Allentown Chapter reported a successful citrus sale. Holiday floral arrangements are on sale. FFA week festivities will be discussed at the next meeting.

Department of Agriculture
Bill Walker distributed the current newsletter

FSA
Text messages are now available from the office. Elections have not yet been certified. Several new programs are being offered, check the website.

Board of Managers
Robin Bruins presented the report and moved to allocate \$100 for the ag tours. Jim Wikoff seconded this motion which carried 11 to 2.

Farm Bureau
Ed Wengryn reported on the Bee Notification Bill pertaining to pesticide use within three miles of a bee farm and the use of Native plants by NJ DOT and the Bridge Commission.

Woman's Committee
Anna Trapani expressed the committee's gratitude for our support. The money will help fund a room at the Ronald McDonald house and food banks.

State Board
Angelo Trapani reported that a meeting with all eight members was held. They participated in an event where 100 Christmas trees were donated to military families. He also reported on the NJ Produce Council Convention in NY and the replacement for Al Murray, Tom Beaver.

Tri-County
February will be the annual meeting at the Apolo Lodge in Hightstown. Under discussion is a Saturday market. Contact George Asprocolas if you are interested.

Old Business

Our annual dinner will be held at the American Hotel at a cost of \$45/person (a \$5 increase from last year). The same menu will be served at 7:00 PM with cocktails and antipasti at 6:00.

New Business

Hersey Vegetable Conference will be held January 31 – February 2, 2017

SADC will accept nominations for the State Board – Marty Bullock will prepare. Angelo Trapani will secure a new list of potential farmer members.

Angelo Trapani moved to approve Marty Bullock to be put on the list for potential future members of SADC. Anna Trapani seconded this motion which passed. A letter will be sent by the Secretary.

Robin Bruins has a 4-H member who has agreed to construct a website for our organization. After much discussion, it was decided to revisit this matter in January.

Outstanding Young Farmer – Bill Carney nominated Rick Stern. Stuart Faunce nominated James Asprocolas. Brett Bullock, Tom Freiberger and Jesse Wikoff were also nominated. This nomination is due February 15th and will be decided at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by George Asprocolas and seconded by Bill Carny.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bruins