

Farm Museum Advisory Board

April 10, 2024

In Attendance: Ted McNett, Judy Fortin, Tony Richardson, Beverly Humbert, Commissioner Joe Vigliotti, Jane Sewell

Tony Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

March Minutes: Judy Fortin approved and Ted McNett seconded, approved. Correction: Dawn Thomas not present

Event report: Dana Wachter reported on the Civil War Encampment, Veterans celebration, Rec & Parks Family Bash, Food Truck, Flea Market. Night at the Museum Concert Series: June 23rd Technicolor Motor Home; July 21st The Fabulous Hubcaps; August 11th Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior (Elvis Impersonator). Drawing for Wine Festival Tickets. 34th Blacksmith Days May 18-19th. The 40th Maryland Wine Festival: beer added, Ruhlman Brewery creating a 40th Wine Fest Signature Beer. Bands: Real Geniuses and Yacht Rock Gold.

Manager's Report: Jane Sewell:

Blacksmith Days a partnership with CCFM

Maintenance Bldg: Progress Meetings bi-weekly. Public Works meeting with them regarding Change Orders: an agreement reached & work resumed. New completion date June 13th.

Stage: Delivery set for June & staff training

Animals: Oxen have returned. Hoff Barn Committee concerned about their advanced age (16 + years) and need to plan for the future. Would need to acquire a new team of trained oxen probably from Maine. Four Nigerian Dwarf Baby Goats were donated to CCFM: 2 girls, 2 boys. The Bantam Chickens are doing well and 6 New Heritage Breed chickens have been acquired.

Camps: Farm Camp registration is booked & Living History Camp weeks are filling up. Camp Director Makenzie Gawel is doing an excellent job.

Planning Report: Tony Richardson

Tony coming in to do a clean up of the Rose garden. The Weeping Cherry Tree looks the best ever. Andrew is doing a great job keeping the Deer away. Tony asking CCFM not to use dyed Mulch. Tony suggesting Rose Garden plaques and memorials. Plaque for the pergola to recognize the Bollinger family donation. Maybe plaques for the 8 benches that people could

purchase as a memorial and funds would go to the patrons fund. The front bed will be planted with boxwoods and an Oak Leaf Hydrangea with a plaque In Memory of Jack Lyburn.

Commissioner Report: Joe Vigliotti

Budget extremely challenging: \$12 Million deficit. Trying to avoid a tax increase.

Flag day is on Friday, June 14th Can only burn COTTON flags. Fire Dept Brush truck will be on site

John Boag working on new ideas for Fall Harvest ...getting more artisans to demonstrate

Motion to adjourn: Ted McNett and 2nd Judy Fortin. 10:40 AM

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8th