

Ashe County Farmer's Market Meeting

April 14, 2009

People in attendance: Joe Stanley, Claudine Silver, Tony Maglione, Joanna Maglione, Danny Harvey, Melissa Harvey, David Pickett, Maude Calhoun, Bernard Calhoun, Joe Essick, Opal Essick, Ronnie Norris, Suzanne Joyner, Ron Joyner, Betsy Gasi, Mia Hartsook, Beverly Clayton, Joe Clayton, David Bauguess, Maxine Thomas, Okey Thomas, Ron Cox, Sharon Cox, Wayne Berry, Jeanne Berry, Luther Krider, Wilma Krider, John Roberts, Jr., Gaye Freeman, Scott Walworth, Doris Phillips, Richard Boylan, Vickie Randolph.

Joe Stanley the meeting to order

Wayne Berry led in prayer

Minutes were brought up and Joe asked for any corrections or deletions; hearing none the minutes were approved.

Luther Krider Treasurer's Report: We have approximately \$20,000.

John Smyre gave a brief review of opening day; we had 23 vendors, 340 to 350 customers and a money total of about \$3100.00

Claudine Silver - education committee - the weather has help up the beds and outside areas. 16 classrooms have their seeds planted and started. Project will come in around \$600.00 and they have some donation of money and materials and sometimes both from the same person. Wal Mart donated \$20.00, Lowes has agreed to sell fertilizer at half price. Need volunteers next week for planting. Contacted four more people for additional donations hoping to get enough donations to cover the entire cost of the project.

Hollis Wild not able to be at the meeting but the calendar of special events was published in the local paper.

Ronnie Norris will take care of putting flowers around the flag pole. A bowl was passed to collect money for this.

Jeanne Berry gave an update on David Edge.

Unfinished business:

Painting bathrooms - John Smyre has put stronger light bulbs in the fixtures and they asked Claudine to look at it to see if it still needed to be painted.

Wednesday Market will open May 13, 2009 and the hours will be from 8-1 just like Saturday.

Doris Phillips was called upon to explain about the Friday night markets. They will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of the month starting in June to be part of the Gallery Crawl. Will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs on that night. Need to have enough vendors to make it worth people coming up to our area and we will be having music on those dates. The vendors will park on the back side of the open shelter to leave the front open for customers.

Vickie Randolph gave a brief update on what her group has planned for Earth Day.

Mia Hartsook - asked to address the meeting about her cause. She was there hoping to make people aware of the new water intake plant on the New River in Todd. She was with the New River Earth Institute and they are concerned about the amount of waste water that Boone will be adding to the New River. She has a petition started and wanted to come to the market on Earth Day to collect more signatures.

April 25, 2009 is the date when crafts can be Juried at the market. Will take place at 1:00 pm after the market and will be good for two years. Asking vendors to have their items in place by 12:30.

USDA Grant - Hollis is proceeding with writing the grant but she was not at the meeting for an update.

Scheduled Grilling Dates.

Eco- Green gave us \$250.00 and 2 rain barrels also donated a rain barrel to each school that is participating in the education program.

Growing an extra row for the hungry.

Ron - web site is going very well.

Linda - can we still sell vendor to vendor before 8:00 am on Saturdays? Yes.

New three sponsorship signs.

Grassy area spaces review - need to be careful about the noise due to the houses close by.

Ronnie Norris asked to re-route the traffic for the market. Discussion followed about the different ways we might have vendors park while waiting for the market.

John Smyre High Country Marketing called.

Richard Boylan is having a basics of gardening class at Family Central

Mini garden program through the 4-H.

Update the web site.

Meeting adjourned.