

Ashe County Farmer's Market General Meeting

June 9, 2009

In attendance were: Maude Calhoun, Bernard Calhoun, Ken Pooler, Katherine Pooler, Luther Krider, Wilma Krider, Joe Stanley, Mary Stanley, Linda Bennett, Linda Sloan, John Smyre, David Pickett, David Bauguess, Dottie Baker, John Roberts, Sr, Mary Roberts, Tony Maglione, Ronnie Norris, Scott Walworth, Mary Edge, Brenda Powers, Melissa Padgett, Doris Phillips, Ron Joyner, Suzanne Joyner, Ron Cox, Sharon Cox.

Joe Stanley opened the meeting with prayer and asked us to remember members who are dealing with illness at this time.

Joe Stanley called the meeting to order.

Joe called for Linda Bennett to read the minutes of the last meeting. He then asked for corrections or additions; there was one date that was changed.

Joe explained to everyone why we would no longer be getting reminder cards in the mail for the meetings and the reason was the cost of printing and mailing.

John Smyre - market report. 320 vendors to day and 3,362 customers with about 39,563.00 in revenue. We are averaging about 30 to 34 vendors each week.

David Pickett need to add about 1200.00 to that amount for the business that he has had because of making contacts at the market.

Wednesday market is not doing well because of a lack of both vendors and customers. A motion was made to close the Wednesday market until later in the season. It was seconded. Discussion: When did we open it last year? How many customers are we having now?

Motion carried; one negative vote.

Treasurer's report: Luther Krider

\$633.00 in revenue, \$423.00 in expenses for this year that leaves \$8439.51

Current balance in the check book is: \$19,090.07

Doris Phillips gave a report on Friday night. Talked about the details and the way things were going to be set up. Parking will need to be on the back side so customers can park on the front. Talked about leaving room for the grilling and the desert booths and space for the band. July will be demonstration month want kids to come. Starts at 5:00pm. Vendors need to be there at 4:30 pm come late if you need to. Grilling will be there at 4:00 pm to set up and get ready to have food ready by 5:00 pm.

Education Committee: Westwood - Tony Magilone all the plants were put in the beds. Blue Ridge everything is planting and ready to grow.

John Smyre and Joe Stanley went to Mountain View to get the beds planted. Danny Harvey came to help along with Ron Joyner.

Jeanne Berry advertising: The lady who did our signs has finally made contact. She is in the process of collecting information for the signs. She will send the letters out to the sponsors about the rent for their signs.

Unfinished Business:

No results yet but will contact Kelly for the price. John will work with Jeanne to work on signs. Our signs have held up well so far.

Craft Jurying - no vendor will be in the room. Someone has done a great job in advertising the event and the number of people coming seems to be all of our craft vendors.

At the Board meeting last Tuesday the paper has said that Vickie Randolph could continue to put the articles in the paper but they will no longer pay her for the articles. The people are talking about our market as a result of her articles. People voted on giving a donation of \$1.00 each week to pay her for the articles.

Christmas in July - parking questions. Joe talked about the parking situation and that he and John would be shuttling people after they had off loaded.

Time to set up is 7:00 to 7:30 and vehicles will have to be moved between 7:30 and 8:00 am.

Twenty dollars to set up for each vendor.

Two hundred will go to the Christmas in July council the rest will go to the market.

Tents - looking to use them like last year. Facing the street.

We can still make copies at the extension office; however no large amounts will be made.

Ron Joyner gave a report on the web site and our number is up on visitors. Ron wants and needs stories for the web site.

Recipe of the week was suggested using ingredients that can be found at the market.

Grilling this Friday and Saturday. Motion to adjourn.