

Ashe County Farmers Market Meeting

March 10, 2009

Attending: Linda Bennett, Scott Walworth, Lida Pugh, Patty Shay, Melissa Harvey, Danny Harvey, John Roberts, Sr. Mary Roberts, Ronnie Norris, Tony Maglonie, Joanna Maglonie, John Roberts, Jr. Maggie Shatley, John H. Smyre, Joe Stanley, David Bauguess, Brenda Powers, Harold Houck, Wilma Krider, Luther Krider, Betty Stanley, David Pickett, Ron Cox, Ron Joyner, Suzanne Joyner, Bernard Calhoun, Maude Calhoun, Doris Phillips, Leon Silver, Claudine Silver, two names I could not read.

Joe Stanley called the meeting to order.

Joe Stanley led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Introduction of John Smyre as our new market manager. Joe gave a brief background about him and made the recommendation from the committee that were conducting the interviews for the new market manager.

Claudine Silver took the floor to make a report about the education committee and the projects that they have started at all the elementary schools and the middle school. Ronnie Norris offered a donation of pots for the project and Ron and Suzanne made a donation of pots and some lime. Jeanne Berry has donated a special soil but needs someone to take it to Westwood. Someone volunteered to help her out.

Claudine now has contacts at every school and is the process of setting up the last schools to join the program.

Ron Joyner gave an update about the web site. Encouraged us to mention the web site to people so we can have more visitors. He still needs information if you want to be listed on the web site.

Ken Pooler asked several questions about how we obtained the web site. He said he was computer stupid and needs some help setting up a web site. Melissa offered to help him set up a web site. (This conversation took place because Ken wants to be listed on the Farmer's market web site and wants to have a link.)

Spaces – there will be two times to sign up for spaces, today and at the Expo. Joe will be out of town during the Expo, Hollis has agreed to be in charge.

New Business

Steve Ashley –ECO GREEN information about their company and what they are attempting to do in order to help our county become more GREEN. Buying land and designing a GREEN development that will not hurt the land but help it. Wanted to know how they could help the

Farmer's Market. Their current project is remodeling the old Phoenix Chair building. They want to donate 250 dollars to the market. They also offered to give us some rain barrels to collect rain water at the market.

Vickie Randolph made a request to have an Earth Day celebration at the market. She wants to invite other non-profit conservation type of groups to set up to provide information for the public. She was asked to provide a list of agencies that would be setting up before we gave final approval.

Expo—Hollis Wild will be going over the policies and procedures. Ron Joyner will be giving a workshop on tips for tailgate markets and Patty Shay will send out the press release for the paper; she and John Smyre will be collecting fees.

Scott Walworth asked about the possibility of opening the Wednesday market earlier than July. Joe asked him to take an informal survey to see how many vendors would be interested and bring the information back to the board. Discussion about how many vendors it would take to make the Wednesday market break even.

Doris Phillips asked if it would be possible for the market to be open on Friday nights of the Gallery Crawl. Joe requested that she write up the proposal and bring it to the next board meeting and it would be discussed and voted on at that time.

Opened the floor for questions.

Ronnie Norris – question about the winter market.

David Baugess – question about Christmas in July.

Need a list for Christmas in July.

Claudine Silver suggested that we tell the market manager like we have in the past if we were going to be at the Christmas in July market.

Dost of Christmas in July – donation basis \$20.00. Farmer's Market will give Christmas in July \$200.00 the rest would go to the market.

Board meeting after the market meeting:

Earth Day at the market. Discussion about allowing the group to set up. Ask her to provide list of who is invited to set up.

Hollis made a motion that we allow her to set up with the knowledge that we had to approve of everyone who would be setting up that day. Linda Bennett seconded. Motion passed.