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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
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The MCBOA's November meeting was preceded by an unveiling of a bronze plaque for service to agriculture dedicated to former Freeholder Theodore Narozanick by the Board. Freeholder Narozanick was a true friend to agriculture in the county and inspired many initiatives including the "One Stop Shopping" idea of grouping necessary offices for agriculture in one building to facilitate the use of the services from the county, state and federal government.

The guests of honor were: Freeholder Thomas Arnone, Lillian Burry, Robert Clifton, John Curly, and Amy Mallet. State Board of Agriculture members, Hugh McKittrick and Rob Swanekamp, former County Agricultural Agent Rich Obal, and present Agent Bill Sciarappa. 4-H Agent Kate Everett, and Program Assistant Vivian Quinn. MCBOA Executive Members, President -Gary DeFelice, Vice President- Debi Kauffman, Recording Secretary- Nyna McKittrick, Corresponding Secretary-Robin Bruins, and Treasurer- Ross Clayton, as well as many board members and guests.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 by President Gary DeFelice. George Asprocolas, Grayson Asprocolas, James Asprocolas, Robin Bruins, Pat Butch, Martin Bullock, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Patrick DePalma, Chuck Palmer, Timothy Dey, Kate Everett, Debi Kauffman, Doug Kauffman, Denise Knapp, Jacquelyn Knapp, Nyna McKittrick, Bill Potter, Don Pyle, Bill Sciarappa, Rob Swanekamp, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Walker, Meg Whitehouse, Jim Wikoff.

Guests: Tom Chenal, Tara Daly, Stuart Faunce, John Neyhart, Randy Peck, Richard Rheem, Kurtland Scisci, Christopher Verzella, Tara Verzella

The invocation was given by D. Pyle. The October Meeting Minutes were accepted as written in a motion by D. Pyle, 2nd B. Potter. The motion was approved by all. The Treasurer's report was accepted in a motion by M. Bullock 2nd R. Bruins. The motion was approved by all.

Correspondence- Atlantic County BOA- requesting support of County Boards to urge Rutgers (NJAES) to replace county agricultural agents when there is a retirement of an agent.

Reports-

Bill Sciarappa, Extension-Master Gardeners graduated 26. FFA had 30 schools participate in their Career Development competition. Farm Bureau convention –“Ag in the Middle”. IPM traps may be loaned or purchased from NJDA.

Kate Everett, 4H – 4-H Clover bowl in 2012. FFA component at the MC fair Extension agents met in Omaha, Nebraska. Compiling information about providing a day camp in the summer.

Robert Swanekamp, State Board- Convention with Vegetable growers and the state at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City Jan. 17-19th. There is a possibility of some overlapping in events for the first year. Listening session's ideas should be directed to Joni Elliot. Rutgers should be more focused on production agriculture and less on research so that the Ag community can have better services from the school. Discussions- regarding the redemption rate of WIC and other checks at farmers markets, extension needs agents that can go out to the fields, Agricultural Management Practices (AMP) for Right to Farm (RTF) components that are too restrictive.

Tim Dey, FSA- DCP signup 2012 contracts from Jan 23- June1. SURE program signups Nov.1- June 1. MAP crop insurance signup. ECP can help with up to 75% for repairs from the hurricane during the entire month of August for erosion damage, conservation projects and other related storm damage. Discussion about lining up crop insurance reporting dates better with crop growing seasons.

Bill Walker, NJDA- Invasive pest activity station in Toms River. NJ FFA at the national FFA Convention had a very good representation with teams from Allentown High school, Freehold Township High School and Bio-Tech High School. Nancy Trivette was honored with the outstanding NASAE member award. NJDA Food show previews foods available to schools made from USDA ag commodities. Discussion of paperwork required for horses traveling out of state.

Allentown FFA- Freshman orientation went well. Business meeting Dec. 14th at Allentown High School 7:30. CDE- 1st place in land judging, and fruits and vegetables. Citrus fund raiser going on now.

New Business-Bill Sciarappa requested the Board to support a 1 year new hire by supplying a donation of \$1500-3000.00. Discussion on precedence. NJNLA would not provide financial support for an additional position. A motion was made by D. Pyle to support a \$3000.00 donation if the college and the county will also pay part of the fee. 2nd M. Bullock. The motion was approved with 1 dissenting vote. A motion was made to send letters to all NJ counties asking for support of replacing agricultural extension agent vacancies by D. Kauffman, 2nd M. Whitehouse. The motion was approved. Millstone Ag and Planning committee asked for a letter of support to the Open Space committee to acquire a 7.5 acre parcel of land with a historic house on it. The motion was made by D. Kauffman , 2nd by B. Potter. Motion was approved. Martin Bullock was nominated for the open position on the State Board of agriculture at the Northern Caucus meeting.

Old Business-NJFB Women's Committee 2011 Harvest Campaign – MCBOA's donation was for \$250.00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug. Kauffman, 2nd P. Butch. At 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Nyna McKittrick

