

Rural Revival Minutes

December 1, 2014

Members Present: Dennis Lehman, Dennis Jurkovich, Lyle Preheim, Glen Wollman, Roy Kaufman, Tim Eisenbeis, Larry Eisenbeis, Paul Ortman, John Koch, Lorraine and Richard Ensz (by Face Time link from Florida).

Minutes of November 3 meeting were reviewed and approved with two corrections: Roy Kaufman spoke at the Rooted and Grounded Conference at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, not at Bethel. The group viewing was of a DVD, not a CD.

Treasurer's Report. No change

Education Report. Larry Eisenbeis will seek to contact the speaker we have in mind.

Community Kitchen. No progress on this project at the North Church

Bee Money. Glen Wollman had sent out a letter from the SD Secretary of Agriculture, Lucas Lentsch, describing federal money available to farmers.

Butcher Shop. Roy Kaufman announced that Adam Chedester of rural Hurley currently processes game and is in the process of being licensed to process pigs and sheep. He and his wife Patty live on a farm a mile and a half east of the Marion Road on the Hurley Road, 44862 282nd Street, Hurley, SD, 570376, 648-2844. Duane Ries from our group has been in contact with him and Roy shared with Adam the interest of Chris Miller in a butcher shop. Lyle Preheim will talk to Chris about Adam's operation.

Florida winter garden Lorraine Ensz told about planting her winter garden in Florida and some of the trees at their place.

Raw Milk. Tim Eisenbeis is waiting for the SD legislative session. If the proposed bill passes there will be rules written.

Buffalo Walnuts. Lyle Preheim noted that the buffalo operation will get underway in spring and he has been busy picking up walnuts.

Organic land for rent. Tim Eisenbeis became aware of certified organic farmland available on the Alan Ward farm south of Viborg.

Restoration Agriculture in Practise DVD. The group viewed the DVD up until the Silvopasture unit.

Arts/Earth Center John Koch, delayed at city council meeting, described search for land for the site. Several task forces have been working—Marketing, Education and Research, Architecture, and Finance. The Ag task forces should now begin work. Since most of these

involve Rural Revival members, John is asking these task groups to meet an hour before Rural Revival meetings.

Respectfully submitted, S. Roy Kaufman, acting secretary filling in
for John Koch