

Rural Revival Minutes – December 5, 2016

Members Present: Andre Eisenbeis, Larry Eisenbeis, Lillie Eisenbeis, **Dennis Jurkovich, S. Rou Kaufman, John Koch, Dennis Lehmann,** Dee Millar, **Paul Ortman, Lyle Preheim,** Duane Reis, Glen Wollman.

Minutes of the November 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with correction of typos. Approval moved by Paul Ortman, second by S. Roy Kaufman & passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Rural Revival has \$1,109.54 in its checking account. \$475.11 of that is reserved for the Farmer's Market. Approval moved by Dennis Jurkovich, seconded by Dee Millar and passed unanimously

Press Coverage – Our November article in the Courier focused on Polly/Kyle Waltner and their Heritage Pork operation with Lillie Eisenbeis as author.

Plans for coming months:

Next– Tim Eisenbeis' Sprout Barn –S. Roy Kaufman author

Followed By – Anne Waltner's return to Freeman – author TBD

It was mentioned that these articles and those authored by S. Roy Kaufman hold significant educational value and there should be an exploration of drawing them together in some manner so they could be shared more broadly.

Program Promoting Organic Practices – Will Ortman will be the presenter. Scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, January 9 at the Community Room – Freeman Community Center. John Koch/Paul Ortman will make arrangements for the room. Dee Millar will coordinate food. Promotion should include a notice in Courier and notice to Rev. Mike Petts about sharing with area churches.

Website – It was noted that the Rural Revival website has not been updated for a significant period of time. It was moved by S. Roy Kaufman, seconded by Dee Millar and passed unanimously that Dennis Jurkovich be named Webmaster and empowered to make any changes he saw as desirable.

Schmeckfest Presenter – No resolution yet.

Butcher Shop/Custom Slaughter – There were some initial discussions with representatives from the Freeman Shopping Center and that was, thus, brought back to the table for further discussion. Duane Ries and others recounted the discussions/explorations Rural Revival had in the past. There continues to be interest in something centered on custom slaughtering of cattle but many of the same issues encountered are to be resolved. The group encouraged the discussions to continue and would entertain having the interested parties come to Rural Revival.

FCDC/FEAR updates – John Koch shared on a series of items.

1. Representatives of FEAR will be going up to Gretna, Canada January 12-13 to gather information on the theater at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute.
2. The City identified Josh Hofer as their choice to serve as Director of Marketing and Economic Development.
3. No progress yet on a tie to high school. (FFA) but communications established and approval granted by High School Principal to discuss with FFA Advisor.

Adjournment – Moved by Dee Millar, seconded by Paul Ortman and passed unanimously.