

CCFM Advisory Board Meeting

March 13, 2024

In attendance: Jane Sewell, Tony Richardson, Commissioner Joe Vigliotti, Judy Fortin, Emily Miller, Dawn Thomas, Beverly Humbert and Ted McNett

Tony Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

December Minutes: Judy Fortin approved and Ted McNett seconded, approved.

Introduction of John Boag- New team member at Farm Museum

- Hails from Colonial Williamsburg
- Has experience working at Union Mills restoring the grain mill
- Historical tradesperson- vast experience with hand tools
- Per John- has two major projects in the works; Beehive bread oven and building of an Ox cart (to be funded by the Hoff Barn committee)
- Elaine and John have worked together at Union Mills and Colonial Williamsburg

Manager's Report- Jane Sewell

- Has received a resignation from Phil Snader. Cited family health and extra farm duties. We will miss his contributions to the board and grateful to have had him as a board member. He has some ideas on replacement board members.
- Match for Maryland Heritage grant was approved by board and grant submitted on 3/4. This is a capital grant and requires an increased level of detail. We are under the impression that the Heritage society has more applicants than usual this round. Will keep our fingers crossed that we are selected as grant recipient.
- Much work on property currently- Roofer working on standing seam roof and mason on the chimney in the main office.
- Behind on the maintenance building- was to be finished end of March and now we are at end of April. An additional project manager has been assigned to the job.
- Camp registration is going well. Has hired 3 counselors and will hire 1 more. Will have student volunteers to assist the counselors.
- Oxen will return the end of March and John will be constructing a cart.
- 6 new heritage breed baby chicks are here- growing inside and under the heat lamp.
- Expecting 4 baby goats- they are a month old now and will be arriving at any time.
- The teas have been well attending. Have had some private events for groups and they've gone well. Will start them again in the Fall.
- Partnered with the team at Exploration Commons and planned a morning and afternoon (May 24th) session to tour the quilt exhibit and learn how to make tea sandwiches.
- Discussed opportunity of curated experiences hosted on the property. Jane mentioned it is something that she is thinking about and is open to suggestions.

Planning Report- Tony Richardson

- We will see how well we did with the rodents and the deer in the rose garden.

- Will be working on the garden in front of the office building.
- Other projects will be ongoing with a focus on maintenance.

Commissioner's Report- Commissioner Vigliotti

- Board of Commissioners are in FY25 budget planning- starting with approximately \$13.1M deficit. Main portion of this is unfunded mandates from the state. The prime example is Blueprint and Department of Fire and Emergency services.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Meeting called to a close at 10:54am by Tony Richardson