

Rural Revival Minutes - December 7, 2020

Salem Zion Mennonite Church

Directors Present: Dennis Lehmann, Andre Eisenbeis, Brent Brockmueller, Larry Eisenbeis, Dennis Jurkovich

Directors Absent: Dee Millar, Richard Ensz, Lillie Eisenbeis

Members Present: Glen Wollman, S. Roy Kaufman, Phillip Eisenbeis, Tim Eisenbeis, Lyle Preheim

Web Meeting: The meeting was also a web meeting via Zoom due to the coronavirus.

Minutes: The Minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Tim Eisenbeis, seconded by Phillip Eisenbeis, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No change since October

Rural Revival Web Site: The scholarship application is posted on the web site. So far, there have been no applicants. Brent will work with Paul Ortman about putting our brochure on the web site.

Freeman Courier: The cover story this week was an interview with Roy talking about his latest book.

Committees:

Land Trust/Access

Alan Ward found a neighbor to farm his land and produce organic alfalfa.

Education:

The article about Phillip Eisenbeis has been submitted to the Courier and should be published soon.

Possible people to interview for future Rural Alternatives articles: Dennis Jurkovich, Colin Waltner, Alan Ward and Cameron Hofer.

We hope to have David Graber speak in January about grape production.

Dennis Lehmann passed out a booklet produced by the Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT) titled "An Iowa Landowners Guide to Sustainable Food Crops". Should we think about producing a similar book? Dakota Rural Action has local food producer book.

Tim suggested presenting the climate change subject to the Freeman community. Andre will investigate showing the movie "Kiss the Ground".

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Local Foods:

Brent will assume some of Lillie's responsibilities for the Farmer's Market. Vendors were more consistent in attendance this year. We are looking for more vendors to expand the type of products available.

Butcher Shop:

No report. The coronavirus is making organizing difficult.

Next Rural Revival Meeting: We will resume our normal schedule of meeting on the fourth Monday. We will return to the Et Cetera Meeting Room on January 25th.

Adjournment: Moved by Lyle Preheim, seconded by Andre Eisenbeis and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jurkovich, Secretary