

Minutes SEEDS Annual Meeting October 15, 2024
Lukans Farm Resort

Meeting came to order at: 5:40 PM

27-30 people in attendance

Vote to approve minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting: approved

Treasury Report: Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2024

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Current board members were introduced.

New Development Director Michele Long was introduced and said that she was excited to jump in and bring her skill set to the board.

Staff member Holly Zaluski was introduced and said a few words. The board presented her with a gift card to Scranton U Bookstore in thanks for her great continuing service to SEEDS.

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Election of Officers & Board Members: results: Maria Cohen, Chair for a second term; Mark Moore offered to be Assistant Chair; Doug Mandaglio will serve as board member-at-large for a second term.

To allow more flexibility, the following amendment to our bylaws was approved:

“Our annual meeting will be held in the Fall of each year; date, location, and time to be decided by the SEEDS Board of Directors.”

A Certificate was presented to: John and Robert Lukans acknowledging their sustainability efforts. They gave huge thanks to Jack for helping them attain a REAP Grant for their solar array. They gave us an open bar and a delicious dinner at discount.

Another business asking SEEDS for REAP grant help is “The Honesdale Executive Offices:” “THEO.” It is a software company that prints most of the tax bills for PA. Because the borough of Honesdale is a “poverty zone” it gets bonus points for REAP grants.

2024 Highlights were listed in the powerpoint as well as what is ahead for SEEDS.

Attendees were asked for ideas for the coming year: composting (SEEDS supported the rocket composter at Wayne Highlands School). Harvest apples from trees around the area that are not used, possibly canning them for donating to food pantries or other uses. Jane Bollinger mentioned the Wayne Community Food Alliance which aspires to be a food policy council. The Food Circle may be a good place for these conversations and activities which would help to rejuvenate the Food Circle. Wayne County Master Gardeners is also a good resource.

Maria asked for Newsletter help. Anyone who wants to submit an article should send articles to info@seedsgroup.net

Jessica Kjera was honored for her organizing and running the 2024 Book Share: 45,234 books were processed. 23,867 books found new local homes. Four pallets of books were sent to New Legacy Books. 128 volunteers helped make the Book Share a success.

Jocelyn Cramer honored and expressed her gratitude to all the people at SEEDS which has made such a difference in the community.

The 2024 Annual Meeting closed at: 6:10 after which a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted by

Katharine Dodge, SEEDS Secretary

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