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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES**PRE-CONVENTION MEETING**

JANUARY 18, 2017-4:45PM

HERSHEY, PA

David Reese called the meeting to order. Invocation was offered by Jim Davis the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Kevin Bieber. Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney Jr., Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Roger Dirlam, Martha Ebersole, Susan Hahn, David Hallstrom, Gala Higinbotham, Judy Kmetz, Craig Lash, Dale LeVan, John McMullen, Jeanne Miller, Tom Murray, Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Jeff Romesberg, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Also in attendance – Tony Frazier, Seth Kensinger, Bryan Utegg, Andy Goodman, Kelly Hillman, Ron Miller, Bruce Koppenhaver, Bitsey Kopfinger, Zach Gihorski, Jack Snyder, Randy Byler, and Leisha Kreider. Count for Sunday Breakfast (55).

HERSHEY COMMENTS –

Randy Byler and Leisha Kreider welcomed us back to Hershey and extended their best wishes for us. In appreciation of our continued attendance they have retained the same banquet pricing as last year.

CONVENTION REVIEW –

- Milliron & Goodman – Attachment
- Seminars – 2 held today. Judging school.
- Table Topics – 4 today, ready to go.
- Communications – going well full house.
- Showcase – 46 applications, lot of good acts, 19 acts 12 minutes.
- Credentials – with voting on proposed by-law changes all delegates to be seated in designated delegate area.
- Junior Fair person to be presented award at Coronation banquet
- Queen Program -- attached.
- Spouse – Going well, 25 baskets.
- Trade Show – 172 booths expecting more.
- Rooms – December rooms were booked full.
- First timers – ready to go.
- Associates – Exciting trade show coming up, meeting after trade show with those attending.

MILLIRON & GOODMAN –

Thank you for having us on board. New additions to the staff. Promotion for PSACF in Fall, service we can use. John send his greetings. Senate, veto proof. Republicans overwhelming majority. Gov. Wolfe not asking for taxes, 2 prisons closing, hiring freeze. Tax on amusements, speak to your legislators. 4M or 5M not a lot toward 1.7 Billion deficit. Reception this year sponsored by PSACF. June 30th no budget, perhaps December.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS --

Kevin Apple Market – Successful Farm Show. The Egg sponsor is status quo for the new year. The Apple market board will not be in existence as a lack of funding for the 2017-18 years. This will be the 30th year for the apple pie contest. Kevin Suggested PSACF would fund the contest. John Blaney made the motion to fund the Apple Pie Contest with \$2,000 in the 2017-18 budget, 2nd by Roger, carried.

PRESIDENT REMARKS –

Reminder of a Fair Fund meeting with Secretary Redding on Friday at 4:30.

Adjournment at 5:36

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Reffner".

Harry Reffner
PSACF Executive Secretary/Treasurer