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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS

MINUTES PRE-CONVENTION MEETING JANUARY 18, 2012 - 4:45PM HERSHEY, PA

Ron Miller called the meeting to order. Invocation was offered by Robert Huston and Kevin Bieber led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call - present were C Sherman Allen, John Berne, Kevin Bieber, John Blaney Jr., Luke Bruckhart, James Davis, Roger Dirlam, Karen Dobson, Martha Ebersole, David Hallstrom, Dick Horstman, Galla Higinbotham, Robert Huston, Bruce Koppenhaver, Larry Krome, Craig Lash, Sarah Long, John McMullen. Ron Miller, Dr. Sally Nolt, Rodman Ralston, David Reese, Harry Reffner, Debbie Stephenson, George Witherite, and Samuel Zaffuto. Also in attendance - Byron Glessner, Bitsey Kopfinger, Lee Robinson, and Fred Trump.

CONVENTION REVIEW, ETC. -

- Seminars (Kevin Bieber) - Ready to go. Today's trucking seminar was cut short 1 hour.
- Table Topics (John Blaney Jr.) - 4 topics today attendance was light, and then picked up - remainder are lined up.
- Rooms (Dr. Sally Nolt) - Oversold original block.
- Trade Show (Dick Horstman) - 154 booths, coming in and setting up.
- Anniversary (Kevin Bieber) - Comments regarding the attendees appreciation for the portfolios. Thanks to the Committee.
- Queen (John Berne) - 57 for Saturday.
- Showcase (Sam Zaffuto) - 14 acts for tonight 3 cancellations. Set for opening.
- Special Baking Contests (Kevin Bieber) - Apple Marketing Board may be dissolved; Ron indicated there is a 5 year process the Board must go through. Angel Food has committed. (Karen Dobson) - Have been attempting to contact Hershey since October no response. Karen motioned for the association to carry a chocolate contest removing Hershey while a sponsor is being sought. No ribbons only local money, \$2000 would be used at the Farm Show. 2nd by Jim Davis, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Economic Impact (attached) discussion on Sunday
- Fair Dues outstanding - Bellwood, Findley Twp., Transfer Harvest, Tri-Valley

NEW BUSINESS

- Attendance just over 1600.
- Thank you to past directors.
- Thanks for the sponsorships of the 100 anniversary.
- C. Sherman Allen purchased a 100th anniversary clock. Debbie Stephenson made the motion to sell chances at the spouses table for the clock, \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5, Kevin Bieber 2nd the motion, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT at 5:23

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry".

Harry Reffner
Incoming PSACF Executive Secretary / Treasurer