

NYS AFCSE Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Location: BC Kitchen

In attendance:

Joanne Petersen, Kaitlin Scarpelli, Ann Sicheri, Jeanne Gittere, Margot Tucker, Albert Scanlon, Stefanie Rice, Kathy Croft, Alice Holzmann, Carol King, Mary Beth Mathews, Dianne Hall, Jaime Lolkena, AnnMarie Giacoia, Margaret Romano, Ginny Gertling, Marie Elliott

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

We were introduced to Jamie Levato, the Education Director of Poughkeepsie Farm Project. Jamie gave us some information about the farm's operations.

- *It's a 15 acre farm with an available CSA.
- *The risks of crop loss are reduced with the use of diverse crops.
- *The farm project does have a newsletter for those interested.
- *The farm donates food to local emergency food providers (20%), which include food pantries and shelters in the Hudson Valley.
- *On occasion, the farm holds fundraisers and applies for grants.
- *The farm provides education programs for elementary and secondary schools in Poughkeepsie.
- *The farm also provides professional development opportunities to those interested.
- *The courses offered to the community focus on wellness and community building
- *There is a summer institute, and the farm provides teens with green jobs.
- *Field trip grants are available. Jamie can help you write one.

Teachers in attendance shared their personal gardening experiences well as any curriculum based garden projects in their districts.

Chapter Business:

There was a discussion about the treasury, and concerns that we were charge overdraft fees. Jaimie L. is going to do some fact finding to see if she can find a bank that will allow us to open a no fee account for our chapter.

Announcements:

- *The FCCLA Regional Fall Meeting at Marlboro Middle School will be held on October 18th from 4-6.
- *The Poughkeepsie Farm Project's Soup-A-Bowl fundraiser will be held on September 30th 12-3:30.

Meeting closed at 6:00.

-Kathy Croft 10/11/18