

MINUTES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Gettysburg Hotel, Thursday, March 9, 2023

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Land Conservancy of Adams County was held on March 9, 2023 at the Gettysburg Hotel. Attendees had the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items in the Stevens Room during the reception and until dessert was served. Emcee Matt Sheads welcomed the 130 attendees, and Curt Musselman gave the invocation.

Following the meal, President Dave Salisbury thanked Musselman Greenhouses for the flowers at every table, the Mountforts for their generous donation of the reception food, and table sponsors Norma Calhoun and Wayne Belt, Barley Snyder, and Shultz's Delicatessen. He also thanked those who sponsored the meals of Conservation Benefactors, other donors, and those who made donations to the Silent Auction.

Past presidents in attendance Dean Shultz, Pat Naugle, Norma Calhoun, and John Kiehl were recognized. Dave then acknowledged Adams County Commissioners Randy Phiel, Marty Qually, and Jim Martin.

Dave Salisbury called the business meeting to order and asked for a motion to dispense with reading last year's meeting minutes and to accept them as written. Motion made by Randy Phiel, seconded by Ellen Dayhoff and passed by members present.

Treasurer Norma Calhoun presented the Treasurer's Report.

Matt Sheads, chair of the Nominations Committee, nominated Dave Kuhn and Richard Thrasher for a first term on the board of directors. He also nominated Curt Musselman, Andrew Lawrence, and Deborah Siefken to a second term on the board of directors. Ellen Dayhoff moved nominations be closed. The motion passed. Matt called for a vote, and nominees were unanimously elected.

Ellen Dayhoff updated diners on the county's Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

Conservation Director Sarah Kipp presented the preserved properties to be honored. She awarded plaques to 2022 Conservation Benefactors David and Mary Margaret Kuhn, Walter and Jeannette Smith, and Barbara Martin.

Bob Prospero spoke about the history of the Art Auction and the plans for the 26th annual auction launching on April 7 at the Adams County Arts Council.

Betsy Meyer gave an update on the year's events and surveyed the dinner crowd on which themes to include in the 25th annual Road Rally, "The Best of."

President Salisbury gave closing remarks and asked attendees to join us in paying for the annual ad in the *Gettysburg Times*. He also announced that the Land Conservancy would be providing a free one month membership to all residents of Adams County to celebrate Land Conservancy Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M., and those who won Silent Auction items claimed their prizes.

Respectfully submitted, *Katherine Johnson*