

MINUTES of ANNUAL MEETING

Massaro Community Farm, Inc.

Sunday, March 19, 2017, 2:00 pm

Coachman's Square, 21 Bradley Road

Woodbridge Room, Woodbridge, CT

In attendance: Directors Tassos Kyriakides, Jon Gorham, Anne Boucher, Cathy Wick, Amey Marrella, Cathy Shufro, and Bob Tucker, Farmer Steve Munno, Executive Director Caty Poole, and members of Massaro Community Farm Inc. (MCF). In all, approximately 20 people were present. The presence of a quorum (ten percent of members) was confirmed prior to the start of the meeting.

The meeting began approximately 2:05 pm. MCF Board of Directors President Tassos Kyriakides welcomed everyone and explained that we will receive updates from Farmer Steve Munno and Executive Director Caty Poole before turning to the business portion of the meeting.

Farmer Steve Munno summarized both the farm's success in 2016 and plans for 2017. In 2016 the farm produced crops from 6.5 acres while resting one acre of farmable land. 2016 achieved the largest donation of food to-date – over 9600 pounds of produce representing 16% of the total harvest. A new well helped with irrigation, especially given severe drought concerns and substantial heat. For 2017, Steve expects to expand crop production to Field 3 while working on rock removal from Field 2. Drought concerns continue as of March 2017.

Executive Director Caty Poole offered an overview of MCF education offerings, programming, and events in 2016 and plans for 2017. In 2016 we marked the centennial of farming at Massaro. Caty noted that farm visitor numbers continue to grow.

Tassos turned to the business portion of the meeting. Tassos noted that the minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2015 and 2016 were made available electronically prior to the meeting, and there were also hard copies available as members entered the meeting room. Tassos requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for 2015 and 2016 and approve these minutes for the records of the organization. Anne Boucher so moved and Cathy Wick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tassos explained that MCF's by-laws provide for up to 12 Board members, with each Board member serving a three-year term. Board terms are staggered so that four memberships come up for vacancy and/or renewal every year. Tassos noted that per our by-laws, three nominations have been received to fill the Board memberships for a three year term ending March 2020: Tassos Kyriakides, Amey Marrella, and Cathy Shufro. These nominations were set forth in the Annual Meeting Notice. Jon Gorham moved for election of the three nominees to the Board of Directors. Suzanne Wirth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tassos thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to stay for fellowship.
The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amey Marrella, MCF Secretary