

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION, CULTURE,  
AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ULSTER  
COUNTY LEGISLATURE, HELD AT ULSTER COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON JUNE 23, 1999.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vincent Dunn, Chairman  
Frank Felicello, Deputy Chairman  
Edward Jennings  
John Naccarato  
Richard Gerentine  
Joan Every  
David Donaldson  
Jeanette Provenzano

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sam Magarelli

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Burgher - County Historian  
Jerry Davidson - UCDC  
Gordon Howatt - Dean at UCCC  
Barbara Adams - President at UCCC  
Lee Reidy - Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Peter Carofano - Ulster County Tourism

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:05PM with a quorum, and recognized President Adams and Dean Howatt to give the first report: **SEE ATTACHED COPY**

\* A Power Point program was given by the President and Dean on the highlights of the proposed 1999/2000 budget for Ulster County Community College.

\* There will be a Public Hearing held on June 30, 1999 at the college which will review the budget in detail for those concerned.

**Chairman Dunn** then asked Bruce Burgher, the County Historian to give his report:

- \* Sojourner Truth plaque dedication in Esopus on July 1, 1999 2:00 p. m. at the Town Hall.
- \* Submitted a list of names for all Historians in Ulster County towns and municipalities.

**Chairman Dunn** asked Lee Reidy from Cornell to give her report:

- \* Garden Walk at Mohonk Mountain House on June 24<sup>th</sup> to be largest ever with over 150 people.
- \* Four professional speakers will be there to give tips on gardening.
- \* Working with Harvey Sleight on plants for the Ulster County Office Building.
- \* Also working with Kingston Library, Perrines Bridge, and Seamon Park with upgrade on landscaping.
- \* Bard College and Sea Grant working on a program urging the use of natural plants of the area of be used in local landscaping because they require less water, soil, and less fertilizer.
- \* F.R.I.P., a program with a grant of 300,000.00, half from in-kind services and the remainder from local DSS, State DSS, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This program teaches low income families how to plant, buy right, cook, and budget.
- \* Ben Carlos is working on with Information Services and other community projects concerning Y2K.
- \* Two new initiatives:
  - 1.) Safe and Supportive Communities
  - 2.) A.S.I. Ag Systems Initiative. Monetary strength for agricultural research.
- \* UCCC and Cornell put on Safety Camp at Camp Epworth for forty students.

**Chairman Dunn** next asked Jerry Davidson of UCDC for his report:

- \* Annual Meeting: held at the Hudson Valley Resort
  - 1.) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UCDC
  - 2.) 313 attendees
  - 3.) Tribute to Abel Garraghan
- \* Month of May jobs were up by 100 - new high
- \* UCDC working harder higher paying jobs in spite of bad press.
- \* Working closer with Alan Ginsberg and Tech City to fill empty space.

**Chairman Dunn** called on Peter Carofano for the Tourism report: **SEE ATTACHED**

- \* Permission given to Peter to resign from the Hudson Valley Tourism Development Council.
- \* Motion for this made by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Jennings-unanimous vote.

**ALL REPORTS FINISHED:**

- \* Chairman Dunn brought up the memorializing resolution on Civic Values by Legislators Provenzano and Magarelli. **SEE ATTACHED COPY**
- \* Chairman Dunn asked Legislator Provenzano if she and Legislator Magarelli would mind if all of the Legislators names from the committee could be added. She replied yes.
- \* Legislator Gerentine asked if the mention of family responsibility could be added in the whereas. Legislator Provenzano agreed.
  
- \* Motion made by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator J. Naccarato, passed unanimously to accept the resolution.
  
- \* Motion made by Legislator Felicello to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Jennings
  
- \* Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p. m.