

MEETING MINUTES
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY GRANGE
September 16, 2026

Linda Mooney opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Linda, Michele Freese, Teresa Hill, Julia Mooney, Licia Shultz, Kelly and Thorp
McClaren, Marcia Fisher, Fred Choske, Gail Weathers, Donna Heath

Added to the Agenda: Ellen Furstner

Dates of Interest

- 9.27.26 - Harvest Festival
- 10.10.26 - Pomona Meeting
- 10.21.26 - Regular Meeting

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved: Marcia moved, Licia seconded, approved

Treasurer's Report - Teresa

Balance at the end of August: checking: \$2116; savings: \$2545; roof: \$4275.
Hughes Net: \$55.73

Caretaker/Rental Manager Report - Kelly and Thorp

- Rentals: Teepee Village paid \$50 for yoga; Nov. 14 Baby shower for Shynel [40 guests]; Halloween - Licia [her annual freebie]
- Kelly gave Teresa \$35 for bottles & cans; \$42 for compost
- Thorp will replace the LED motion sensitive light [Tory will order it online]; the handrails for the back porch are done ~ thank you, Johnny!
- Thorp wants to install a garden or little waterfall with flowers where the septic tank is roped off to make it look nicer and get rid of the tape and posts that folks keep hitting; he also wants to replace the front porch deck with ½" - ¾" plywood

Unfinished Business

- The T-shirts are here! Linda will set up a table at the Marcola Market this Sunday from 2 - 4 to sell them. Linda Mello and Ed Cooley donated plastic bags for each shirt and Licia will slip and notice explaining what Raisin' the Roof is all about. Thanks, Linda, Ed and Licia [who noticed 6 were missing but problem solved!]

- Bat House update - Linda: Andy Rice and students will start on the bat castle after the holidays and after meeting with Joel the ODFW guy from Junction City.
- Harvest Festival: Charles Kimball & apple press folks will be setting up at 10am; vendors will follow with direction from Cassidy Vassallo [THANKS, CASSIDY!]; Dan Mooney & Leatta Freese will direct parking since folks there strictly for the apple pressing will make a loop around the building. Grangers helping with the festival should arrive around noon. Judging of the chili, cornbread and desserts will be at 4:00 with Marcia, Trisha King, and Chris Mooney for the chili; Fred and Donna for the cornbread and Devin Mooney, Fred, maybe Bill Kelso [Teresa will ask him] and either Liz Johnson or her mom Madelyn for the desserts [not set in stone]. Thorp will command the kitchen accepting and numbering entries and preparing trays of "tastes" in small cups for the general public to avoid waste; in other words, people will be able to taste before deciding on which chili they want to eat. Supplies: Linda will purchase paper bowls, coffee, creamer; Kelly will buy the lemonade and ice. The door prize will be a Mohawk Valley T-shirt.
- Pomona visit: Friday 10.9.26 the guests will set up for the following day. Saturday 10.10.26, they will arrive at 10 am [we will be there at 9] and expect a continental breakfast [pastries and fruit] and coffee. Donna and Marcia will bake apple, zucchini and/or banana breads; Teresa will purchase Danish and rolls from Franz; Linda melons and grapes and Julia, watermelon. Lunch at noon will be lasagna by Linda, chili Rejenos by Teresa, tamale pie by Marcia, quiche by Licia, pasta salad by Kelly & Thorp, green salad by Julia, potato salad by ? and cherry tomatoes and cucumbers by Donna. They will bring their own desserts. The afternoon snacks between 3 - 4 will be leftovers or sandwiches and cookies. There will be 35-40 guests plus roughly 8-10 of us.
- Raisin' the Roof fundraising application to the State Foundation - Michele: still needs exact steps for the bat removal & reinstallation, tear down and replacement of the roof. Approximate cost of this project has risen to \$80 - \$100K.

New Business

- Insurance: All members are automatically enrolled in an accidental death benefit [\$3,500 or \$4,000. You don't have to enroll but you can designate a beneficiary at which time they will contact you and try to sell you other insurance. The coverage is in place and although it's not much, it helps us fulfill the requirements of the 501c8.
- Ideas for fundraising: silent auction at Open House or a special event; BIG thermometer showing our progress toward our goal of replacing the roof, others?
- BINGO - November 7 and thanks to Michele and Jean, we still have lots of prizes.

Good of the Order

Ellen Furstner's husband Lon fell off a ladder while trimming trees breaking 7 ribs, hip and a

concussion but was put in the cardio unit at RiverBend Hospital due to other problems. We are standing by ready to help however and whenever we can. Teresa also mentioned Cherry Clark whose husband has lymphoma and was involved in a freakish accident where the car was totaled but walked away unharmed. Cherry has an upcoming hip surgery.

Adjourned: 7:37

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Heath