**OUTER COASTAL PLAIN VINEYARD ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of 6-14-22, 2nd quarter meeting**

The second quarterly meeting of the OCPVA was held at Bellview Winery on Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 6PM. Board Chairperson Joe Procopio and Board Secretary Dante Romanini called the meeting to order and the minutes of the first quarter meeting were approved and accepted. The **Treasurer’s report** was given that showed the bank account balance of $37,228.91. It was also reported that dues in the amount of $4,625 had been collected since the last meeting but that 7 existing members have still not paid their dues.

The meeting was held immediately after and in conjunction with the Rutgers Extension Service Twilight meeting which was also held on that date at Bellview. During the earlier portion, Devon Perry, the new Executive Director of the Garden State Winegrowers Association addressed all attendees and explained her new position and the efforts she and her association are taking to market New Jersey grapes and wine.

Dan Ward addressed the members and explained the upcoming Rutgers wine certificate course that will be offered in August which is designed to prepare individuals for work in the vineyard and wineries of New Jersey. It will be a 4 week, full day intensive course. He also explained that tuition discounts will be offered to existing New Jersey vineyard and winery personnel.

The membership was advised that the grant proposal that OCPVA submitted to the NJ Wine Industry Council to attempt to increase the production of Coeur d’ Est by New Jersey wineries had been approved but that official notification has not yet been received. Mark Hernandez suggested that the association use its existing funds to get started on preparing for the grant process since there was sufficient money in the treasury. It was also agreed that a small committee should be formed to process the grant and Joe Procopio requested that an email be sent out to the membership to request volunteers for such a committee. It was also agreed that the association needed to start working on the existing grant that had been earlier approved and that dates for the proposed meetings needed to be set.

Reports were given on the imported Italian varieties by Jim Quarella and Larry Coia. This was followed by a short discussion on the experiences that current growers of San Marco are having. Larry and Jim reported that they will be speaking on a panel discussion at the Eastern Winery Expo in March of 2023 which will focus on San Marco to increase awareness to other eastern winegrowers. There was also a general discussion about the current growing season and in particular about members’ experiences with SLF infestations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 4, 2022.