

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Meeting
October 8, 2018
Minutes

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni members met at 6:30pm at 6:8 for a tour of their new facility and to learn more about how the organization helps families within in the community by providing food and resources. 6:8 is also home to the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. Members in attendance: Troy Talford, BJ Chrisler, Jon Hromyak, Kathy and Tom Breunig, Cathy Jo Schreiber, Mark and Sally Ladsten, Terry and Sue Slotty, Rick Puls, Joe Keller, Greg Elsing, Keith Slotty, Nancy Liegel, Joel and Shelly Hacker, Tim Enge, Brad Anderson, Mike and Maria Dunse, Dale Yanke, Ken Noltner, Amy Yanke, Mike Lindloff, Lora Kippley, Scott and Rita Davis, Evan Davis, and SP FFA member Katie Yanke.

The Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni received a \$2,600 "Give Back to Your Roots Grant" from Nutrien Ag Solutions. Alumni member Terry Slotty presented the grant to Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter President Katie Yanke to go towards affiliation dues for the FFA chapter.

Katie Yanke then gave the group an update on the Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter. They have a leadership dinner this week, monthly meeting next week, corn maze get together next weekend, and National FFA Convention in 2 weeks. Half of the chapter officers are new FFA members so she would really like alumni members to come to the FFA events so the members can get to know the alumni members and vice versa.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy Breunig

- Checking account: \$12,812.80
- Supply account: \$1,580.40
- Scholarship account: \$4,236.46
- Mortgage: \$68,181.85

Mark Ladsten moved to approve the treasurer's report and Joel Hacker seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Fall Tractor Pull Recap - led by Brad Anderson - total amount the tractor pull brought in was approximately \$30,746.00, expenses totalled about \$28,000 so we profited about \$2,500. This is down about \$2,500 from last year but we only had one night of tractor pulling this fall due to rain. Many items were brought up during the discussion:

- Look at profit margin and expenses of food and beverages individually
- About \$5,000 came in the gates - attendance has declined
- Possibly look at pursuing social media as main advertisement - newspaper and banners are not being seen
- Greg Elsing will look into moving our Badger State Tractor Pullers pull to May instead of August

- BJ Chrisler mentioned having an early afternoon event to bring families in early - craft beer, food, dueling pianos - committee to talk about other ideas to make the tractor pull not a stand-alone event - chair of committee is BJ Chrisler
- Bring in dyno diesel truck class
- Greg Elsing reiterated that social media is an advertising must.

Fish Fry Recap - Shelly Hacker - Income was \$4,478.00 expenses were \$3,706.00- profit \$772. Discussed that we need to do a better job of counting tickets and back-counting plates. Worked well having the event the same time as 7th Grade Career Day and Alumni raffle.

Fall Raffle - Profited about \$5,000, still waiting for FVP and Brad Kruchten to each get their \$200 in for their raffle prizes. Need to double check raffle prizes and make sure we received all cash prizes from the donating businesses.

Cow Chip Food Stand Recap - Between the pizzas and pork sandwiches we only sold half of what we sold last year, the weather was poor so attendance was down. All food stands' numbers were down this year. The Alumni took in about \$1,700. The Cow Chip Committee is looking into ideas and new locations for the future of the event.

New Business

Alumni Park Renovations Proposal - Kathy Breunig looked into the cost for adding on bathrooms and running water at the park. Frey Construction gave a proposal was \$87,000 and Kathy got another proposal from a contractor in Neillsville and that was \$34,381. This started discussion on the additions:

- Commercial codes need to be followed
- Sewer and water to the building costs about \$7,000 including hot patching the road - will take 4-6 months to get plans ready and approved.
- Look at this as a 5 year plan- hire an architect to draw up and get quote for a total remodel
- Look at how this will be paid for by our fundraisers

As a group, we want water at the park but to do this we have to do water and sewer. A committee was formed to work on this project- Shelly Hacker and Mark Ladsten will co-chair the committee with members including Terry Slotty, Scott Davis, and Joel Hacker. They will bring a proposal to the board by December 1st and work on a timeline for the park. Brad Anderson moved to approve a \$1,000 budget for this committee to use toward an architect for a draft; Amy Yanke seconded and the motion passed. Discussion was concluded by Ken Noltner who said stay local and support local.

Alumni Park Usage Request - Scott Davis - requesting use of the Alumni park for an antique tractor show. It is in the early stages of planning. As an Alumni member he can put the Alumni name on it and get help from members.

Hiring CPA to manage books/accounts - Sauk Prairie Sports Boosters did this and are very happy about it. It takes a large weight off the Treasurer's shoulders.

- Scott Davis got 1 quote for \$900/year (\$75/month); would manage money, accounts, checks, balancing the books
- Badger State Tractor Pullers have done this too
- Shelly Hacker moved to have someone get a minimum of 3 quotes by the December meeting; Joe Keller seconded. Motion passed.
- Scott Davis is going to work on this.

Ferry Bluff Proposal - Brad Anderson - he was approached by Ferry Bluff asking if the Alumni would make a donation to purchase land; \$500-\$1,000. After discussion, the members decided to pass on this donation because it does not directly benefit the FFA members and we do not have the funds for it.

Two new fundraisers for 2019 - Lora Kippley - Two fall events that the Alumni is hosting, 1) Farm to Table 2) Beer/Wine Pairing Event. More details to come.

Discussed putting together a schedule of regular alumni meetings. Troy Talford and Shelly Hacker will come up with a proposed schedule to present at the Annual Meeting.

With no further business, Mark Ladsten moved to adjourn the meeting, Terry Slotty seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jo Schreiber
Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Secretary