

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni and Supporters Meeting
May 22, 2019
Minutes

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni members met at 6:00 at the alumni park to clean-up for the upcoming truck and tractor pull and eat dinner prior to meeting commencing.

Members in attendance: Lora Kippley, Anna Raschein, Terry Slotty, Todd Litscher, Sue Slotty, Amy Yanke, Jared Mack, Emily Matzke, Sarah Albers, Sally and Mark Ladsten, Kathy and Tom Breunig, Jerry Keller, Art Mueller, Rick Puls, Tim Enge, Kimmi Evert, Brad Anderson, Troy Talford, Mike Dunse

Brad Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:14PM. Kimmi Evert shared that the minutes from the March meeting were available for review online.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Breunig

- Checking account: \$26,896.38
- Line of credit: \$0.00
- Supply account: \$499.64
- Scholarship account: \$5,699.46
- Mortgage: \$65,394.99

It was mentioned that the finance committee had their first meeting April 14 and another meeting was to follow in July. Lora Kippley moved to approved treasurer's report. Tom Breunig seconded.

Old Business:

Sportsman's Banquet – Brad Anderson expressed this was the most successful year yet with a profit of over \$26,000 and only 200 people in attendance. Sportsman's Banquet committee was recognized for their efforts.

Consignment Auction – Brad Anderson – occurred in March and profited \$5,000. The event was well attended.

New Business:

Tower Rock Elementary Ag in the Classroom – Tower Rock Elementary requested a grant which was previously discussed by SP FFA Alumni and Supporters Board members. Board recommended the Alumni allow a donation of \$500 (\$100 per teacher for lodging purposes) which was presented to members in attendance. Kathy Breunig moved to proceed with \$500 donation – seconded by Sarah Albers.

Mortgage Payment – Brad Anderson noted there is over \$26,000 in the checking account. It was presented to the group for discussion if more money should be allocated to make a substantial payment on the mortgage. No payments were currently due but the loan compounds interest daily. Terry Slotty moved to proceed with a payment of \$15,000 towards the mortgage. Jared Mack seconded.

Bleacher Renovations – Jerry Keller stated that he has made some improvements and replaced some of the wooden bleachers at the alumni park.

Badger State Tractor Pull – Charity pull for American Children’s Hospital to take place June 8th and is no cost to the Alumni. Board requested a rental fee of \$500. Check and signed contract were received May 22. Kathy Breunig moved to proceed with the \$500 rental fee for the facility. Mark Ladsten seconded.

Fall Sportsman’s Banquet – The board expressed interest in a possible Fall Sportsman’s Banquet to be held as a stand-alone event with no sponsor’s. Idea was brought to current Spring Sportsman’s Banquet committee. Troy Talford noted the committee advised not to hold the event as breaking even would be very difficult considering the costs associated with hosting such an event. Troy also noted that the Dorf Haus is collaborating with the Alumni to address attendee capacity issues. It was also mentioned by Troy that the Alumni will be providing their own sound system at next years event.

Lawn Care at Alumni Park – Brad Anderson noted that Scott Davis will no longer provide lawn care service for the Alumni Park after 2019. It was posed to the group if there were any volunteers available to provide the service. No volunteers came forward. Alumni will proceed with accepting bids for the service as done in the past.

Farm to Table and Wine Pairing – Lora Kippley – the board decided to postpone both events to allow more time for planning. Lora sent out an event invite to planning committee members to kick off planning and they are scheduled to meet early this summer.

Fish Fry – will be held September 20 at the park in conjunction with the fall raffle drawing.

Spring and Fall Truck and Tractor Pulls – Brad Anderson – Weather for spring pull anticipated to not be favorable. Brad recommend attendees to watch Facebook for status of the pull. Fall pull is scheduled for August 16 & 17. Troy Talford noted current sponsors and their sponsorship level and encouraged getting new sponsors for fall pull.

2nd FFA Advisor Budget Approval – Troy Talford requested an increase in budget for the 2nd FFA Advisor. Typical allowance is \$1,000 per district and an additional \$150 was requested. Jerry Keller moved to approve and Rick Puls seconded.

Advisor’s Report:

Around 20 students will be attending the State FFA Convention in June. Alumni will stipen \$25 per student attending. Five students are eligible as State Finalists. Troy also noted summer highlights including a June share night at the Sauk City Culvers, June Dairy Days at Bank of PDS on June 21 and the June Dairy Breakfasts. Anyone interested in assisting with parking is to contact Sally Ladsten. It was also noted that a golf outing will be taking place July 29 at Pleasant View in Middleton and the Alumni donated raffle items.

Additional New Business:

Cow Chip Throw – Kathy Breunig – asked if there was throwing team interest. Also noted the pizza stand will happen again and that the grounds will be set up differently – allowing open container alcoholic beverages for a small fee, eliminating beer tent cover charges.

Fall Raffle – Keith Slotty to chair 2019 raffle with a goal of having tickets available August 1.

Troy noted the next meeting will be informal on July 6th to observe fireworks at the Alumni Park.

Kathy Breunig moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Dunse seconded.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM.