

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni and Supporters Meeting
August 14, 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, Sue Slotty, Amy Yanke, Sarah Albers, Mark Ladsten, Kathy and Tom Breunig, Jerry Keller, Art Mueller, Kimmi Evert, Brad Anderson, Troy Talford, Mike and Maria Dunse, Jon Hromyak, BJ Chrisler, Bailey Geick, Olivia Davis, Jim Bickford, Roxie Barra, Cathy Jo Schreiber, Joe Keller

Brad Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:14PM.

Secretary's report – Amy Yanke moved to approve, Sarah Albers seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Breunig

- Checking account: \$ 1157.53
- Line of credit: \$0.00
- Supply account: \$ 349.64
- Scholarship account: \$ 6015.51
- Mortgage: \$50,394.99

Motion to approve the treasurer's report – Mike Dunse, Sue Slotty seconded.

Advisor's Report:

FFA president Olivia Davis was present to discuss with attendees what's new this summer. Covered different events attended – state convention, county fairs, Discovery Barn at State Fair, Officer retreat with team bonding. Joe Keller asked how to get more involved with the students. Olivia mentioned she will be starting a newsletter for the Alumni. A back to school picnic will be taking place September 16 and alumni members are invited to attend and network with the students. FFA meeting dates are available on the website should any alumni members want to attend.

Troy added that Jared Mack is section six's state officer and several volunteering opportunities will be available throughout the year to support him. SLW is taking place September 30. Help will be needed for coordinating that event. Section six speaking contest will also require some volunteering positions to fill.

Old Business:

Spring Tractor Pull Recap – Brad Anderson led – it didn't happen. Sponsorship money from Ballweg's Chevrolet was still donated which was much appreciated. Expenses were still prevalent even though the pull did not occur.

FFA Foundation Golf Outing – Jon Hromyak led – went well. The state was very thankful for the items donated by the Alumni.

FFA Advisor Pay - Brad Led – Alumni provided \$1,000 to cover Sally Ladsten’s advisor pay. Troy mentioned it is hopeful that the school will fully fund the amount next year.

New Business:

Bleacher Purchase – Brad led – Jerry Keller led the effort to purchase new bleachers for the Alumni park. Alumni will eliminate old bleachers to replace with newly purchased. Two smaller bleachers will be likely sold at the auction next year. Called to ratify the motion for the \$3,200 to purchase bleachers. BJ Chrisler moved, Cathy Jo seconded. BJ also moved to approve up to \$1,000 for bleacher repair for Jerry to do over the winter. Joe Keller seconded.

Fall Pull – Brad led – posters are available to post around town should any members be interested. The weekend is supposed to be wet but the chapter is hopeful to hold the event. Several sponsors were noted for their gracious donations. Brad noted there will only be four classes on Saturday night to reduce costs and increase profit. Volunteers are greatly needed for the pull at this point in time. Troy mentioned bills will need to be inspected for counterfeit as there have been several circling in the area. Amy Yanke will provide counterfeit pens. Anna Raschein will call the police department to verify how to manage that potential situation.

It was noted by Jerry Keller that Kaiser was hoping to be a sponsor when he dropped off posters. Kathy Breunig noted that she did send a sponsorship letter. Troy explained Kaiser used to sponsor fall – Ballweg spring. When Kaiser decided to no longer sponsor, Ballweg split their sponsorship money between the two pulls. If Kaiser is interest in sponsoring, it’s necessary to be mindful of the existing relationship with Ballweg. It would be best to explore other opportunities with Kaiser. Other sponsorship opportunities for other events were also discussed for Midstate Equipment and McFarlanes. It was noted that a Sponsorship committee would be ideal for these situations.

Sauk County Fair Basket and Meat Sale – Alumni purchased a basket at the dairy auction to support the new building (swine, sheep, goat) for \$ 1,075.00 and was donated by Ho-Chunk.

One small rabbit was purchased for \$600.00 as well. BJ Chrisler mentioned to purchase an animal that could be processed and donated to people in need. It was also noted for the alumni to consider completing a form to be able to purchase Sauk exhibitor animals. It will be added to the board agenda to discuss for 2020.

Money is typically allocated for these things. \$500 for meat and \$400 for building fun.

Mark moved to ratify the basket and bunny. Anna Raschein seconded. PASSED.

Cow Chip Throw Pizza Stand – Troy led – Alumni works with students to serve pork sandwiches and pizzas. The alumni will need volunteers for various shifts over the weekend. Troy has the sign up available for after the meeting. It was noted that the grounds will have a \$1.00 cover charge and the grounds will have an open container policy. The alumni location is in the center food tent which isn’t

ideal for the location of the new beer tent. Terry Slotty was discussing with Cow Chip Throw committee to move our location.

Fish Fry – September 27 – raffle will be pulled at that time. Shawn Schell will be playing music at the event. Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis starting at 5:00 PM. Shelly Hacker will be chairing the event and this will be her final year. Raffle tickets are available at tonight's meeting to check out after the meeting is adjourned.

7th Grade Career Day – September 27 – Amy Yanke led. Presenter confirmations are coming in. Things moving along well.

Village Update: Zoning for Improvements – Brad led – updates discussed were water and plumbing. The board has had several discussions regarding the matter. Topic is on hold due to low finances from missing spring pull. Approved plans also required.

Wine and Cheese Pairing Update – Lora Kippley led – committee has met one time to discuss big pictured. Next meeting is scheduled for September 10 to plan further. Committee members will also volunteer September 12 Waunakee event to help understand how the event is ran. Anticipated event is May 2020. It was also noted that the Farm to Table event is on hold to evaluate how Wyttenbach Farm to Table event goes.

Open Board Position – Shelly Hacker has resigned immediately for personal reasons. The alumni is looking for a new board member to begin term in January at the annual meeting.

Other new business:

Thank you card presented from Tower Rock / Sauk School district teachers from the alumni donated \$500 for teachers to attend Ag in the Classroom bus tour. Brad noted it would be nice to tour Merrimac school in late fall meeting.

Brat Stand at Ballweg Chevrolet – Troy led – open house at Ballweg Chevrolet August 17 and volunteers are needed urgently. Should anyone be interested in volunteering they should contact Troy immediately. 9:40 – 1:00 PM.

Move to adjourn – BJ Chrisler

Seconded – Sarah Albers

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM