

Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni and Supporters Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2022  
FFA Alumni and Supporters Park

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

Members in attendance: Troy Talford, Mark Ladsten, Terry and Sue Slotty, Amy Yanke, Mike and Maria Dunse, Kimmi Schwarz, Brad Anderson, Lora Kippley, Scott Davis, Kristina Rauls, Art Mueller, Chad Brickl, Lisa Evert, Tina Raschein, Jerry Keller, Rick Puls, Anna Raschein

Treasurers Report:

Checking – US\$ 45,000.00

Line of Cedit – US\$ 0.00

Scholarship – US\$ 4,000.00

Mortgage – US\$ 32,000.00

A finance committee meeting was held earlier in the week. US\$36,000 was made in the past year. US\$10,000.00 of that revenue was donated to the Jeff Hicken greenhouse and US\$10,000.00 was utilized to pay off the mortgage loan. Additional sponsorship was also expected for the fall tractor pull. The board is also still waiting for an insurance claim for the light pole at the park.

Rick Puls moved to accept the treasurers report. Terry Slotty seconded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mortgage: As funds in the alumni account are sufficient, Scott Davis moved to put US\$ 12,000.00 towards our loan payment. Terry Slotty seconded. The motion passed.

Fish Fry: The question was raised if a Fish Fry in the fall would be necessary due to our success in 2022 fundraising. The topic was tabled until after the fall pull weekend. It was noted that the alumni should give Troy notice should we be interested in doing the Fish Fry as he would need to order food.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day: Happening September 23, Kimmi Schwarz and Emily Matzke are co-chairs. Volunteers should contact Kimmi after the meeting.

Movie Night at Park: FFA students will be hosting a movie night at the alumni park August 28.

Fall Pull: Toy raffle will be occurring during fall pull weekend. Volunteers should contact Kimmi Schwarz to sign up for a shift. Volunteers who would like to help clean up the park post event are invited to do so on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Advisor's Report: School is back in session and Jared Mack has been doing great in his new role. There are no longer Covid-19 restrictions therefore the office team had their retreat which went well. It is a great group of kids with great ideas.

Troy mentioned that Cow Chip is coming up should the Alumni and FFA want to split the pork and pizza responsibilities again. Troy will need help for all shifts and noted it's a great opportunity to network with FFA students as the stands are side-by-side.

National Convention costs are also increasing US\$50.00 per student, which resulted in Troy asking for a motion to increase student sponsorship for 18 students. Brad Anderson made the motion to sponsor US\$200.00 per student to attend the convention. Sue Slotty Seconded. The motion passed. Troy lastly mentioned that there was a ground breaking ceremony for the Jeff Hicken Memorial greenhouse last weekend and that the group has raised nearly US\$ 100,000.00. It is likely that BJ Chrisler will do an additional fundraising event during the holiday season.

Mobile Meals: Week of November 14. Volunteers should contact Kimmi Schwarz if interested in helping.

Park Bleachers: SP Trap Club will be borrowing the bleachers August 28. Cow Chip will also be picking up the bleachers and taking them to their event labor day weekend.

Tractor Pull: Chad Brickl discussed the idea of combining the tractor pull into a one-day event and would like to consider the idea further at our annual meeting. His initial recommendation was to hold the farm pull from 12:00 – 4:00 PM and hold Badger State from 6:00 PM – close. May be more beneficial for attendees and also easier to find volunteers.

Friede and Associates: Friede and Associates will be building a new complex on Water Street and have approached the board about renting the alumni park to house construction materials and equipment. The board received confirmation from the group to make this decision without the need for holding a separate Alumni meeting. This was moved by Jerry Keller and seconded by Mark Ladsten.

Anna Raschein moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Tina Raschein seconded. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Evert - Secretary