

Wed., February 1, 2023

WATERFORD FFA ALUMNI MEETING MINUTES

The February alumni meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Pres. Justin Ehrhardt at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant (upper dining hall) in Waterford, WI.

Pres. Ehrhart welcomed everyone & the 'Pledge of Allegiance' was said.

There were 13 alumni members, 3 chapter officers & 1 guest present.

FFA officers gave an update on student news & activities as follows:

1. Incoming freshmen open house was held on Wed., Jan. 25.
2. Four students will be attending the Farm Bureau Farm Forum on Fri., Feb. 17.
3. The tractor restoration group is now working on a 1045 Farmall H at Dakota Poruliz's place.
4. Three students are applying for their State FFA Degrees.
5. National FFA week is Feb. 20-24 & the chapter is doing events each day as well as having a fundraiser for Kaylinn Wilken by selling bracelets.
6. Fourteen students are applying for proficiency awards. The applications are due during FFA week. The alumni will again sponsor the award/plaques.
7. Mr. Wicks stated that he has 1 student applying for the SAE Grant application. She will be at our next alumni meeting to explain her project, which is with beef cattle. Alumni members tonight had some questions about the form so Pres. Ehrhart will send out the application to all alumni members so they can see it & bring questions about it to the meeting for possible revision later.

The Vice-Pres. (Tracey Schaal) was not present for any report.

The secretary's (Eileen North) report/minutes from the January meeting were sent out to all alumni members prior to tonight's meeting for all to read over. A correction was made by Karyn Hall (by email) in regards to our website, "stating that an easy website to use would cost us around \$27/month if the web address remains as www.waterfordffaalumni.org. She's not sure if the club wanted to pay that much & if they did, she would help Kathy Skorstad get started using that platform. She also said if anyone else wanted to find something cheaper, to go for it. She was not going to check into other websites costs with Kathy or help with setting up the new website." A motion to approve the secretary's report was then made by Julie Rusk & seconded by Michelle Chart.

The treasurer's report (Teri Eulgen) was read as follows: we currently have \$30,749.56 in the checking acct., \$5,378.57 in the scholarship fund, \$5028.36 in the CD & \$20.00 in the Venmo/Pay Pal acct., all of which are at Community State Bank. A motion was made by Gary Beck Sr. & seconded by Nick Beck to accept the treasurer's report.

The historian (Julie Rusk) stated that Mr. Wicks will be giving her some history news.

The reporter (Kathy Skorstad) was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our craft fair chairperson, Joni Beck was not present for a final report. Will do one at the February meeting.

Our Christmas raffle final report stands as stated at the January meeting with income of \$521.00 less expenses of \$497.96 for a net profit of \$23.04. The raffle income at the craft fair door should have been \$306.00 instead of \$462.00, which was kitchen income. They were labeled wrong in the previous treasurer's report.

Our 'after' Christmas party was held on Sat., Jan. 21 at the 'Cotton Exchange' in the 'Cotton Patch Room. There were 25 that attended. Everyone enjoyed having it in the 'Patch', more private. Also the food & desserts were good & the game & the gifts that were brought for the game were great. The total costs for food & beverages were \$1,265.88.

The State Alumni Convention will be held this coming weekend, Feb. 3-4 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha, WI. There are 8 alumni members attending. Julie Rusk made up the 'basket' (tools & batteries) per say with a cost of \$414.41. Since the budget was \$250.00 & she went over, a motion was made by Gary Beck Sr. & seconded by Gary Beck Jr. to cover the whole balance of the basket items.

Our vendor/craft fair will be held on Sat., April 1, 2023 from 9am to 3pm at the 'Cotton Exchange' again. The applications have been sent out. Teri still needs to talk to Jenna about the costs of the 2 halls, coffee & kringle order. The FFA students will be doing the bake sale again. More information will be given at the next meeting.

The alumni website was discussed again in regards to going with what we have with the cost of \$27.00/month or looking for another one. Karyn Hall mentioned in her email that the program we currently have been using has become somewhat obsolete & she couldn't get the computer she used for it in the past to work well. Mr. Wicks stated that we could add our website to the high schools & that our events will be announced on it too. A discussion was held in regards to posting some certain alumni events with alcohol. Pictures of those would not be posted. A motion was made by Julie Rusk & seconded by Kathy Ehrhart to try it with the high school & see how it works out. Kathy Skorstad will then work with Mr. Wicks on it.

Scholarship applications need to be sent out soon. The scholarship committee needs to make some changes on it. A motion was made by Michelle Chart & seconded by Candy Ganhs to have the scholarship form updated & make minor changes so it can be sent out to the students soon.

Michelle Chart stated that the T-shirts that we had ordered from Ruma Sports in Union Grove, WI said we can open our account online & order more items from 1 to 4 times a year, instead of leaving the account open for a whole year.

Our next meeting will be held on Wed., March 1, 2023 at 6:30pm at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant in Waterford, WI.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nick Beck & seconded by Michelle Chart (7:30pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen North, Sec.