

Wed., May 3, 2023

WATERFORD FFA ALUMNI MEETING MINUTES

The May alumni meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by Vice-Pres. Tracey Schaal at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant (upper dining hall) in Waterford, WI.

There were 7 alumni members 7 chapter students & 4 guests present.

Vice-Pres. Schaal welcomed everyone & the 'Pledge of Allegiance' was said.

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

1. The annual FFA chapter banquet was held on Sun., April 23 at WHS. It was very successful.
2. The state CDE competition was held on Fri., April 28 in Madison. The 3 teams that attended & competed were vet science, ag mechanics & dairy products. They all received bronze awards.
3. On Sat., April 29 & Sun., April 30 the annual FFA plant sale was held at WHS in the greenhouse. We did very well. We used the alumni credit card reader machine, which worked great & took in \$3,914.50 on it. Gross sales were \$6000.00.
4. On Mon., May 15 we did the roadside cleanup along Hwy. 20 west.
5. On Fri., May 19 we will be hosting the 4th & 5th graders from the feeder schools for an 'Ag Adventure Day' at WHS. We have 12 different booths for them to attend.
6. On Fri., May 26 we will be doing another cookout for the local first responders.
7. On Sat., May 27, the Union Grove FFA will be hosting a pig show at the fairgrounds & asked the alumni to use the food booth for food sales.
8. The tractor restoration project contacted Case IH for parts for the tractor & they hope to receive them soon. The tractor will be raffled off at the fair in July.
9. The farm field will be sprayed in the next week. We will be planting corn this year.
10. June 12-15 there are 16 chapter students attending the State Convention in Madison. The chapter is asking the alumni for financial help. The cost is \$214/student. After discussion, a motion was made by Kathy Skorstad & seconded by Doug Holden to give each student \$75.00 towards their cost.

The secretary's (Eileen North) report/minutes were sent out to all alumni members prior to tonight's meeting for all to read over. Corrections were made by Kathy Ehrhart stating that there was no small animal entrepreneurship, just small animal placement & that 7 awards were given out, not 6. She also stated that the date for 'Breakfast on the Farm' is June 24, not June 22. A motion to approve the secretary's report was made by Doug Holden & seconded by Kathy Skorstad.

The treasurer (Teri Eulgen) was not present tonight for a report.

The reporter (Kathy Skoprstad) had no news at this time.

The historian (Julie Rusk) was not present tonight for a report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Co-chairperson, Teri Eulgen, was not present tonight to give a report on our vendor/craft fair that was held on April 1, 2023. A final report will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received 2 thank you cards – one from Bayley Schaal & one from Mya Moczynski, thanking the alumni for the SAE grant money they received for their SAE projects.

Pres. Ehrhart received a letter from the 'Breakfast on the Farm' committee asking if we would like to be a sponsor for the event again. In the past the alumni has been a gold sponsor of \$500. A motion was made by Kathy Ehrhart & seconded by Candy Ganhs to again give \$500 as a gold sponsor for the breakfast.

Doug Holden checked into our credit card machine that we started using in July of 2022. Since Oct. 2022, we have been charged a \$31.00 monthly fee, even though we are not using it. Doug checked with Dave from Pay Compass in regards to the monthly fee. It was misunderstood when we got the machine in July of 2022 that instead of a yearly \$100 charge it would be \$31.00/month & a 2% transaction fee. We charge \$1.00 per transaction fee when used. Since it is costing us the \$31.00/month, Kathy Ehrhart stated that she will check with Neil from the Union Grove Kiwanis to see if there is a different cost for using a credit card from another provider.

Chairperson, Julie Rusk, was not present tonight for an update on the fair raffle event.

Fair auction support letters will be talked about at the June meeting.

Doug Holden stated that his daughter, Ramona, is on the Union Grove Bronco trapshooting team. They are doing a fundraiser & he asked the alumni if he could use our credit card machine & our account through Performance Food for their food for the fundraiser. They would then reimburse us for the cost. Doug said that there is another event he would like to do the same thing for. A motion was made by Kathy Ehrhart & seconded by Greg Schaal to let Doug use the credit card machine & food account for the 2 non-profit events to be reimbursed.

Vice-Pres. Schaal stated that Michelle Chart contacted her to say that the FFA hat & T-shirt order on the 'Ruma Sports' store website will close on Fri., May 5. If you still would like to order any item, please do it by Fri.

Our next meeting will be held on Wed., June 7, 2023 at 6:30pm at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant in Waterford, WI.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Holden & seconded by Greg Schaal (7:24pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen North, Sec.