

Wed., April 5, 2023

WATERFORD FFA ALUMNI MEETING MINUTES

The April alumni meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Pres. Justin Ehrhart at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant (upper dining hall) in Waterford, WI.

There were 13 alumni members, 9 chapter students & 2 guests present.

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

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

1. On Thurs., March 16, students went to Platteville for CDE competition. Horse & poultry teams competed with the poultry team placing in the top 11.
2. On Fri., March 10, we held a 'family fun night' with 8th graders & their parents. We had a good turnout. Played games & had food.
3. On Wed., March 8, 5 teams attended CDE competition in Janesville. Dairy production, dairy cattle, livestock, ag mechanics & vet science teams competed with dairy production, ag mechanics & vet science going on to state competition. State CDE competition will be held on Fri., April 28 at UW-Madison.
4. We held a bake sale at the alumni vendor/craft fair on Sat., April 1 & we made \$306.00.
5. We will be holding our plant sale on Sat., Apr. 29 & Sun., April 30 at WHS in the greenhouse.
6. Our annual chapter banquet will be held on Sun., April 23 in the WHS commons area at 3pm with the program at 4pm. Please rsvp to Mr. Wicks by April 7.
7. We are applying for the National Chapter Award.
8. There were 14 applications for state level proficiency awards. Nine students received silver awards, 2 students received gold awards & 3 students are state finalists.
9. We have received an SAE Grant Project application from Bayley Schaal. She is asking for \$300 for a brooder for her duck project. She gave a presentation on her project & we will go into close session after the meeting to discuss it.

The Vice-President (Tracey Schaal) had no news at this time.

The secretary's (Eileen North) report/minutes were sent out to all alumni members prior to tonight's meeting for all to read over. A motion was made by Tracey Schaal & seconded by Gary Beck Jr. to accept the secretary's report.

The treasurer's (Teri Eulgen) report was read as follows: we currently have \$26,085.59 in the checking acct., \$5,383.94 in the scholarship fund, \$5,028.36 in the CD & \$20,00 in the Venmo/Pay Pal acct., all of which are at Community State Bank. A motion was made by Julie Rusk & seconded by Michelle Chart to accept the treasurer's report.

The reporter (Kathy Skorstad) was not present tonight.

The historian (Julie Rusk) had no news for us tonight.

OLD BUSINESS:

Co-chairperson, Teri Eulgen, gave a report on our vendor/craft fair that was held on Sat., April 1 at the 'Cotton Exchange'. We had a good turnout despite the weather again. She had some issues

with some of the vendors/crafters with the seller's permits but it worked its way out. The door admission was \$342.00, raffle income was \$451.00 & booth income \$1772.00. Expenses so far are \$430.05. Waiting for advertising bill. A final report will be given in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 'Breakfast on the Farm' will be held on Sat., June 22, 2023 at Swan's Pumpkin farm in Franksville. Doug Holden was not present to update us on the event tonight. No one else had heard anything also.

Co-chairperson, Doug Holden, had been talking with food vendors for our fair food booth. We used 'Performance' food service last year but this year they are not taking returns on food except on dry products that are not opened, no cold or frozen food products not opened as in the past. So Doug is looking into other options for food vendors. Steve Sobieski has not been able to get into the park to look to check on the booth since the gates have been closed. Doug is also working with Compass, our credit card machine company for the booth, as to why we are being charged \$31.00 each month when we have not used the machine since September. We will again need help in the food booth this year.

We will be doing a fair raffle again this year. Chairperson, Julie Rusk, has the metal cow sculpture for the main prize & will be looking for additional items to go with for the raffle. Our license is good. She would like to sell raffle tickets in advance of the fair. More information is forthcoming.

Michelle Chart said she can now order hats for the food booth & for members. The 2 hat styles are a trucker style hat for \$15 & a baseball style hat for \$13. She will open up the store at Ruma's Sports for the hats & can add shirts & sweatshirts for sale too. A motion to order 10 hats – 5 of each style – for the food booth was made by Tracey Schaal & seconded by Steve Sobieski.

Our next meeting will be held on Wed., May 3, 2023 at 6:30pm at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant in Waterford, WI.

A motion was made by Michelle Chart & seconded by Nick Beck to go into closed session in regards to Bayley Schaal's SAE Grant project. A discussion was held in regards to Bayley's duck project. A motion was then made by Kathy Ehrhart & seconded by Nick Beck to grant the \$300 to Bayley Schaal for the brooder.

Kathy Ehrhart updated the members on the scholarship applicants that were judged. There were 5 applicants & 4 were awarded scholarships – Matyson Schaal - \$950.00, Brooke Weber - \$850.00, Maya Weinkauff - \$500.00 & Mikayla Datka - \$700.00 for a total of \$3000.00 for scholarships per budget. A motion was made by Kevin Ehrhart & seconded by Gary Beck Jr. to approve the scholarship amounts.

Kathy Ehrhart also updated members on the proficiency awards that were judged. There were 14 applicants, of which 6 awards were given - 2 in swine production placement, 1 in dairy production placement, 1 in turf management placement, 1 in small animal entrepreneurship & 1 in grain production placement. We, the alumni, will sponsor the plaques & Mr. Wicks will order them. They will be given out at the FFA chapter annual banquet on April 23.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Rusk & seconded by Michelle Chart (7:43pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen North, Sec.

