

Wed., January 3, 2024

## WATERFORD FFA ALUMNI MEETING MINUTES

The January alumni meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Pres. Justin Ehrhart at the 'Cotton Exchange' restaurant (upstairs dining hall) in Waterford, WI.

There were 15 alumni members, 5 chapter students & 1 guest present.

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

### FFA CHAPTER NEWS:

Chapter officers, Luke Hying, Dakota Powalisz & Hanna Henningfeld, gave an update on student news & activities as follows:

1. Our chapter meeting was held on Wed., Dec. 10 & we had a good turnout. We held a gingerbread house building contest.
2. We are working on the tractor restoration, which is a 1943 Farmall M. We have not received any reply from the Case Co. regarding needed parts.
3. Freshman open house will be Wed., Feb 7, 2024.
4. The annual banquet will be held in April.

### ALUMNI OFFICER REPORTS:

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The treasurer's (Teri Eulgen) report was read as follows: we currently have \$29,280.79 in the checking acct., \$6,521.75 in the scholarship fund, \$5,113.46 in the CD & \$20,00 in the Venmo/Pay Pal acct., all of which are at Community State Bank. A motion was made by Nick Popp & seconded by Tracey Schaal to accept the treasurer's report.

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

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### OLD BUSINESS:

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Our annual Christmas raffle final report will be given at the Feb. meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Our annual 'after' Christmas Party' will be held on Sat., January 13, at the 'Cotton Exchange' in the 'Cotton Patch' room. Menu selections are due to the secretary by Mon., Jan. 8, 2024. Cocktails are from 6:30-7pm with dinner at 7pm. Desserts are welcomed. Those who would like to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a \$25.00 wrapped gift.

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