

Meeting Minutes – Ag-Ed Boosters – Becky Bruns’ Room

Meeting date: Monday, December 16, 2013

Attendees: Therese Homan, Dave Osterloh, Bart Homan, Lucy Bambauer, Joe Meyer, Mark Hardesty, Don Droesch, Larry Reichert, and Kelly Schmitmeyer

President Bart Homan called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting were read and approved. (Don-1st, Dave 2nd)

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Reflects activity from 9/16/2013-12/16/2013)

Beginning Balance:	\$14,047.30 - General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$5,500.00 - Scholarship Fund
Income:	\$1,195.00 - Pfizer (Maria Stein Animal Clinic)
	\$6,374.00 - Pfizer (Chickasaw Veterinary Center)
	\$100.00 - Membership
Expense:	\$360.00 - Shirts for membership drive
	\$450.00 - OSU Grain Cart Fee
Ending Balance:	\$15,406.30 - General Fund
Ending Balance:	\$5,500.00 - Scholarship Fund
Total on Hand	\$20,906.30

Treasurer’s Report approved: Larry-1st, Don-2nd

OLD BUSINESS:

Grain Safety Demonstration: Everyone thought it went very well.

Tailgate: Had nice weather and a good crowd

Career Tech Money: We will find out how much money we will get from the state on December 30 (supposed to be Oct 1.).

Countryfest: Thought the bale races were a good idea. We will look into getting rules/instructions from the fair board.

Corn Challenge Contest: The students examined the corn for kernel count, weight, moisture, etc. Prizes were awarded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: Connor Unrast is working on his American Degree. He has to submit his grades for his scholarship. We discussed turning loan into an entrepreneurship grant. The student would have to bring in the receipt and present to us what they did with the money. Students would be able to apply for both, but could only receive one. They would apply their senior year for their freshman year of college. Preference would be given to students with two years of ag education. Bart is going to email copies of the loan, scholarship, and grant applications to the boosters so we can review them before the next meeting.

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Membership Committee: A few new members signed up at Oct. and Nov. meetings.

Planning Committee: Lucy pulled up pictures of the Delphos ag building which Bart had emailed to the boosters. Both buildings at Delphos are heated. Lucy thinks a 12’ x 24’ greenhouse would work at Marion. We are going to get estimates on a 24’ x 42’ building and proceed from there. The band needs extra room--could we partner with them?

NEW BUSINESS

Pork Producer Stand: The Mercer Co. Pork Producers are going to build a building at the fair grounds. It will be located beside Parkway’s building. The building will be owned by all three groups (two schools and producers). Each school made \$4,400 at the fair this year. The pork producers are going to give each school half of that amount and keep the rest to help finance the project. So, Marion received \$2,200 and invested \$2,200 in the building. The pork producers are going to pay the remaining balance on the building.

Tractor Wash Location: Tim Goodwin was fine with the idea of a tractor wash. We are having problems with finding a location and how would we deal with the manure/wash water runoff. We would also need multiple water hookups.

Production Ag Tour: On Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, the FFA is going on a tour. Students, parents, and ag boosters are invited. They want to visit a rotary dairy parlor and possibly Hoosier Pride. Cooper’s doesn’t want visitors because of the PED outbreak.

LUCY BAMBAUER REPORT:

New Tablets: 8 surface tablets are being purchased. The FFA will buy the keyboards. Purchase price is \$3,200.

Parliamentary Procedure Team: They finished 3rd. They missed 1st by 10 points. Went to districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Don moved and Joe seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2014 in the Ag Ed Room.

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"TO PROMOTE, SUPPORT, AND GUIDE THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION OF THE MARION COMMUNITY".