

Meeting Minutes – Ag-Ed Boosters – MLHS Ag Ed Room

Meeting date: Monday, April 21, 2014

Attendees: Therese Homan, Dave Osterloh, Bart Homan, Lucy Bambauer, Joe Meyer, Mark Hardesty, Larry Reichert, Jim Keller, Kurt Heitkamp, Bill Minton, Ed Buschur, and Kelly Schmitmeyer.

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

The minutes from the March 17, 2014 meeting were read, corrected, and approved.
(Dave-1st, Joe-2nd)

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Reflects activity from 3/17/14-4/21/14)

Beginning Balance:	\$20,906.30 - General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Income:	\$442.00 - Zoetis (Chickasaw Veterinary Center)
Expense:	\$120.00 - Reimburse Dave O.-Fingerprinting
	\$60.00 – MCDO membership (Ag boosters & FFA)
	\$300.00 – Pie Auction
Ending Balance:	\$20,868.30 - General Fund
Ending Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Total on Hand	25,868.30

Treasurer's Report approved: Mark-1st, Jim-2nd

OLD BUSINESS:

Gate to the Garden: Kevin will purchase the gate and give Lucy the bill. The area is measured/flagged off. Heather Mescher and some of the other students are working on a supply list. Kevin said he would help with watering the garden. He knows where the spigots and hoses are. They plan on planting the garden May 27 and 28, depending on the weather.

Pie Auction: Lucy said we made \$2,875.

FFA Banquet: Everyone thought it went very well. We received quite a few positive responses on the index cards we distributed at the banquet.

Ag Ed/FFA Enrollment: Bart has a slot scheduled for the May school board meeting. The Ag Ed council will give the annual report at the meeting. Ed Buschur and Kevin Otte will go along with two Ag Ed Boosters. Ed wanted to know if we can compare our school to other area schools. Our ag/ed classes are science based. Lucy will try to get the enrollment numbers from some of the other MAC schools. There are 63 students in the freshman class next year with 20 of them taking an ag course (close to 32% of the students). Along with enrollment information, we could share the positive remarks we received from the students/parents at the FFA banquet (index cards). Mark wanted to know if we should include what some of the graduates are now doing. We discussed what the students do to receive their proficiency awards and their state degrees.

We also discussed the meeting Bart and some of the other ag boosters had with Mike Pohlman and Tim Goodwin. They feel more students would take the food science class

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if they didn't have to join FFA. We would like to question the students after the school year. Did you feel left out? Do you wish you would have joined the FFA?

We discussed what would happen if a student didn't join FFA. We decided they:
-wouldn't be able to join in on FFA activities (ski trip).
-wouldn't receive the ¼ credit because they wouldn't be involved in a SAE.
-would have to sit through the discussions on FFA material.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: Scholarships were awarded to Rose Homan and Dustin Meyer.

Membership Committee: Nothing.

Planning Committee: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS

Reimbursements: Dave wanted to know if the chaperones get reimbursed when accompanying FFA students. The students are to pay for their own meals. Larry motioned and Joe seconded the motion to reimburse the chaperones \$.50 a mile when driving the students somewhere. Motion approved.

Elections: Larry Reichert will be our new President at our meeting next month. We voted for a new vice president and treasurer. Joe Meyer and Kurt Heitkamp were nominated for vice president. Joe won. Linda Broering and Shaun Tuentje were nominated for treasurer. Linda won.

LUCY BAMBAUER REPORT:

State Convention: Tim Goodwin and Mike Pohlman are going to attend the morning session on Friday. There are 5 students competing in the state science fair, 13 students receiving their state degree, and 8 students competing for 9 different proficiency awards.

Washington Leadership Conference: Heather Mescher and Sara Twaits are going to the WLC. They are going to fly with two students from Versailles and three from Miami East.

Students will soon be registering for FFA camp.

An ag science fair will be held on May 10, 2014 along with the annual Industrial Arts open house.

The Pork Producers building is under construction. Stachler Concrete is currently working on the concrete. We are looking for businesses interested in sponsoring a picnic table for the building. Marion needs to find three sponsors. We are going to put an announcement in the church bulletin. The tables are \$525 each. Therese moved

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and Linda seconded a motion that the Ag Boosters should purchase a table. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Ag Ed Room.

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