

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

Meeting date: Monday, March 17, 2014

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

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

The minutes from the January 20, 2014 meeting were read, corrected, and approved. (Don-1st, Jim 2nd)

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Reflects activity from 1/20/2014 – 3/16/2014)

Beginning Balance:	\$20,906.30 - General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Income:	
Expense:	
Ending Balance:	\$20,906.30 - General Fund
Ending Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Total on Hand	25,906.30

There was no activity for the treasurer's report. Therese was just handed a check from Zoetis (Pfizer) from Chickasaw Veterinary Center for \$442. We discussed the confusion with the checks we received from Zoetis months earlier (\$6,374.00-Minton Veterinary Services and \$1,195.00-Maria Stein Animal Clinic). Treasurer's Report approved: Dave-1st, Joe-2nd

OLD BUSINESS:

Production Ag Tour: The tour was rescheduled due to the weather. The robotic milkers shut down while they were there.

Building/Greenhouse: We decided to discuss the building at the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: There were two scholarship applications, but there were no grant applications. They were due March 7. Since there were no grant applications, a motion passed to award two scholarships this year.

Membership Committee: Nothing.

Planning Committee: Bart talked with Mike Pohlman regarding the gate to the garden but did not discuss a building. Don Droesch spoke to Mark Seitz about the fire codes in a building. If there are students present as in a classroom setting, we need to install sprinklers/alarms. We need to clarify if the building is going to be used for storage or a classroom/greenhouse. Mark S. said he would be happy to discuss this further with us. Bart is going to talk to Mark S. and Garmann/Miller.

NEW BUSINESS

Gate to the Garden: A gate was approved leading to our new garden. We have to buy the gates and Kevin H. will install them. Lucy will talk to Kevin. We thought two 10' gates would work. The garden is going to be planted after the school year is over.

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Proficiency Award: We are sponsoring one proficiency award this year.

Pie Auction: Don Droesch motioned to raise the amount of money available for the pie auction to \$400. All approved. There are going to be nine pies at the auction.

Nominations: Elections are in April. We need to fill the vice president and treasurer's positions. Ed Buschur and Joe Meyer were nominated for vice president. Bart will speak to Ed. Angie Schwieterman and Shawn Tuente were nominated for treasurer. Mark H. will speak to Shawn, and Bart will speak to Angie. Nominations were closed.

MCDO Membership: Jim Keller mentioned the \$60 membership for the Ag Boosters and the FFA. Larry motioned and Don seconded the motion to pay for the membership.

LUCY BAMBAUER REPORT:

FFA Banquet: The FFA Banquet is March 20, 2014. Tim Goodwin and Mike Pohlman are not going to attend. Randy Bruns is going to speak on behalf of the administration. The Ag Boosters have decided to place index cards at each place setting. We would like to have each parent list how the FFA has impacted their child and have each FFA member list how FFA has impacted him/her.

The number of students taking ag ed classes next year will be down from this year. Tim, Mike P. and the school board met in executive session after the last school board meeting to discuss the FFA program. If the numbers don't turn around, the students won't be required to join FFA when taking the Food Science course starting with the 2015-2016 school year. The ag boosters discussed the requirements set before the program began. FFA membership was mandatory. Lucy mentioned trying to incorporate FFA during class if not all students are FFA members. We discussed getting on the schedule for the May school board meeting. Bart will call Lynn Will. We also discussed 3-4 people from the ag boosters sitting down with Mike Pohlman. The ag boosters hope to give their annual report of the ag ed program at the May school board meeting.

State Convention is May 1-2, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2014 in the Ag Ed Room.

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