

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

Meeting date: Monday, May 19, 2014

Attendees: Therese Homan, Dave Osterloh, Bart Homan, Lucy Bambauer, Joe Meyer, Mark Hardesty, Larry Reichert, Linda Broering and Kelly Schmitmeyer.

President Larry Reichert called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Reflects activity from 4/21/14-5/18/14)

Beginning Balance:	\$20,868.30 - General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Expense:	\$64.24- Reimburse Dave O.-Mileage
Ending Balance:	\$20,804.06 - General Fund
Ending Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Total on Hand	25,804.06

Treasurer's Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gate to the Garden: Kevin spoke to the athletic boosters instead of the ag boosters. He will get a gate/gates ordered. There is now a hole in the fence so the students have access to the garden.

State Convention: 37 students attended the State Convention. Tim Goodwin and Mike Pohlman went Friday along with a lot of parents. Three students placed first.

School Board Meeting: Bart and Mark attended the meeting. Ed Buschur compared the Marion Local FFA to other area schools. He spoke about enrollment and awards and how well we are doing as such a young chapter. The school board then brought up the idea of a building. We wanted to discuss a building with the school board before discussing it amongst ourselves. Some concerns:

- What could we do with additional facilities?
- Do we want everything in one place or keep current classroom?
- Do we want the Ag students away from the high school?

Lucy also mentioned that when she taught at Delphos she had a separate period scheduled to check on the Capstone students. Visits make the program more legitimate.

Pork Producers Stand: We found two sponsors for our picnic tables, Organic Valley and Maria Stein Animal Clinic. The building work will begin in June. Cabinets and countertops will be installed next year as well as the plumbing. We have many area sponsors making this building possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: Nothing.

Membership Committee: Nothing.

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Planning Committee: We decided to brainstorm ideas for a building. Instead of the planning committee, the ag boosters in attendance discussed a building as a group. Lucy made a long list of our ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

Concession Stands:

State Plow Match: The state plow match will be held at Kevin Homan's farm this year on July 18-19. They are expecting around 100 participants. The FFA has been asked to organize a concession stand. Friday, we will start with lunch. Practice should be over around 6:00 p.m. Saturday, we will start with a light breakfast and later serve sandwiches until approximately 5:00 p.m. Awards should be over by 6:00 p.m. We will have pulled pork, chips, drinks, etc

Manure Day: The Soil and Water Conservation District is having their manure day on July 30. We have been asked to staff the concession stand.

Pork Producers Stand: The fair will run from August 8-14. Lucy would like one adult or family in charge each day. Times are as follows:

August 8	9:30 – 4:00	August 12	4:00 – close
August 9	4:00 – close	August 13	9:30 – 4:00
August 10	9:30 – 4:00	August 14	9:30 – 4:00
August 11	4:00 – close		

Lucy needs some adults and students to staff these events.

LUCY BAMBAUER REPORT:

Etiquette Training: Etiquette training will be on Thursday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Inn at Versailles. Linda, Kelly, Mark, and Dave are planning on going.

Lucy needs a long term sub. She is taking the first eight weeks off for maternity leave. She asked if anyone knew of someone who had a bachelor's degree to fill the position. Mark gave her a name and number.

SAE visits are the week of June 9th. No students are going to FFA camp this year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2014 in the Ag Ed Room.

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