

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

Meeting date: Monday, September 15, 2014

Attendees: Larry Reichert, Dave Osterloh, Therese Homan, Brad Schwieterman, Mark Hardesty, Kurt Heitkamp, Joe Meyer, Shawn Tuente, Linda Broering, Kara Uhlenhake, Jim Keller, and Kelly Schmitmeyer; Brad Garmann and Steve Heitkamp of Garmann/Miller.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Reflects activity from 7/21/14-9/15/14)

Beginning Balance:	\$20,804.06	-General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$5,000.00	- Scholarship Fund
Expense:	53.14	- Planter for Lucy B.
Ending Balance:	\$20,750.92	- General Fund
Ending Balance:	\$5,000.00	- Scholarship Fund
Total on Hand	25,750.92	

Linda received a check from Zoetis for \$3,301. This check was the combined amount from Four Star Veterinary Service-Minton Veterinary Services (\$693), Maria Stein Animal Clinic (\$2,083), and Chickasaw Veterinary Center (\$525).

OLD BUSINESS:

Pork Producer's Stand: Kara hasn't heard from the pork producer's. Some bills still need to be paid. Kara is thinking of splitting up some of the shifts next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: Nothing.

Membership Committee: Nothing.

Planning Committee: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Reichert introduced Kara Uhlenhake as the new Agricultural Education Instructor. She graduated from Ohio State University and was working at Mercer Landmark when she was hired.

Building/Greenhouse Plans with Garmann/Miller:

- If students are present there must be restrooms (both men/women's restrooms), fire alarms, a drinking fountain, and a janitor's sink.
- Sprinklers would be mandatory for any building over 12,000 square foot.
- Probably wouldn't have to have sprinklers for welding/tractor repair
- Building would have to be heated (classroom area only) but not cooled.

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- Donated labor: the whole building can be donated labor as long as licensed people are present and helping with the plumbing, electric, etc.
- Would need phone, computer lines, PA system between the two buildings.
- The cost of a building is normally 50% materials/50% labor. A 40' x 80' steel building with concrete floor and heat would cost around \$250,000 (\$80 square foot).
- Garmann/Miller would come up with a layout to present to us.
- They would prepare the plans to get approval from Miami Co.
- If the school is donating at least \$25,000, the plan has to be competitively bid.
- Garmann/Miller's fee is 7%. We would also have to pay for permits, special inspections, etc.
- We would like to get a building completed in two years.

Jim moved to have a building committee. Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mark H., Bart H., Dave O., Larry R., and Shawn T. will be members of this committee. They will meet before the next ag boosters meeting.

KARA UHLENHAKE REPORT:

Garden: There was a lot of produce. She is thinking of using part of the garden for calves/chickens.

National FFA Convention: Marion is going with New Bremen/Minster/Kenton on a charter bus. The convention is Oct. 29-31. Eric Schmitmeyer is competing as a Dairy Production-Placement proficiency finalist.

Tailgate: The tailgate with St. Henry will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014 at St. Henry. Leftover pork from the pork producer's stand will be served. Starts at 6:30.

Fundraisers: The FFA chapter will be participating in the Bushels for Blue Jackets and the strawberry sales again this year.

SAE training: Kara recently attended a workshop for SAE training. The school paid for her mileage. We will pay for her hotel.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

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OF THE MARION COMMUNITY".