

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

Meeting date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Attendees: Larry Reichert, Mark Hardesty, Joe Meyer, Kara Uhlenhake, Brenda Schwieterman, Linda Broering, Bart Homan, Dave Mescher, Shawn Tuente, Jim Ungruhn, Becky Ungruhn, Debbie Wenning, Jim Keller, Kurt Heitkamp, and Kelly Schmitmeyer

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

The minutes from the February 16, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (1/19/15-04/07/15)

Beginning Balance:	\$23,662.53 - General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$5,000.00 - Scholarship Fund
Expense:	\$51.47 – Flowers for FFA week
Ending Balance:	\$23,611.06 – General Fund
Ending Balance:	\$5,000.00 – Scholarship Fund
Total on Hand	\$28,611.06

OLD BUSINESS:

FFA Banquet: Everyone thought the banquet went well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Committee: Four students applied for the entrepreneurship grant and three students applied for the scholarship. Tegan Fortkamp won the entrepreneurship grant and Heather Mescher won the scholarship. We will discuss at a later date whether or not we will add additional scholarships/grants in future years.

Membership Committee: Nothing.

Planning Committee: Nothing.

Building Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for April 20. This may be the last meeting of the committee before it is turned over to the school board. Mark cannot attend the meeting and has asked Bart to fill in for him. We discussed items Bart should consider talking about at the meeting. They are as follows:

- Would like for the ag building to be attached to the existing building
- Saw a huge advantage of a two teacher system (science/shop)
- The state gives more money per student to ag education than any other career tech class
- Would like the building to be able to handle animals whether it be for dissection, farrowing sows (explain why crates are used), raise animals on different diets, etc.
- Greenhouse would be nice. Could show soil erosion, germination, etc., could grow plants (poinsettias, mums) as a fund raiser. Can't use the classroom we have now because school temperatures are turned down at times.
- Shop area: depends on what's going to be done with current industrial arts area

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NEW BUSINESS:

MCDO Membership: Bart moved and Jim seconded a motion to renew our membership with the MCDO. Motion carried.

Elections: Dave Mescher and Shawn Tuent were nominated for Vice President. Shawn won. Becky Ungruhn and Debbie Mescher were nominated for secretary. Becky won.

KARA UHLENHAKE REPORT:

Kara didn't know the total from the strawberries sales.

The dairy judging team placed 5th and will be heading to state on April 25.

State convention is 4/30/15-5/1/15. There are 20 students going from Marion. We will be driving with Coldwater.

The garden is going to be one acre this year.

Volunteers are needed to help in the pork producers' stand this year. Kara will be working on a schedule.

Trash pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Larry, Kelly, and Joe are willing to drive.

Kara is resigning and we will need to find a replacement.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2015 in the MLHS Ag Ed Room.

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OF THE MARION COMMUNITY".**