

Meeting Minutes –Ag-Ed Boosters

Meeting Date: Monday June 13, 2016 8:00 pm Marion Township Building

Attendees: Mike Long, Jim Keller, Dave Osterloh, Mark Pohlman, Stephanie Pohlman, Rachel Reichert, Kelly Schmitmeyer, Shawn Tuentte, Carly Ungruhn

President Shawn Tuentte called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held a week earlier than the traditional 3rd Monday and at an alternate location.

The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT (REFLECTS ACTIVITY FROM 05/16/2016 - 06/10/2016)

Beginning Balance:	\$24,725.81 - General Fund
Beginning Balance:	\$ 4,500.00 - Scholarship Fund
Income:	\$0.00 - None
Expense:	\$0.00 - None
Ending Balance	\$24,725.81 – General Fund
Ending Balance	\$4,500.00 – Scholarship Fund
Total on hand:	\$29,225.81

OLD BUSINESS:

Ag Advisory Council: No report

Scholarship Committee: No report

Membership Committee: No report

Remodel Classroom: Discussion continued from last month's meeting regarding classroom updates. Discussion focused on making updates that might provide much more "hands on" time for students. Students attending meeting felt that current curriculum was too focused on "book learning". Their hope was that classroom enhancements would address that concern and also provide incentives for students to enroll in Ag Ed. Discussion also touched on other ideas for improving overall enrollment.

Ice Cream Booth at Mercer County Fair: Mike Long attended and led an extensive discussion about the Ag Ed Boosters' involvement in the Mercer County Dairy's ice cream stand at the fair. The boosters agreed to be involved with staffing and at times bearing responsibility for the overall operation of the stand. Final outcomes were:

- Mike will change ice cream suppliers from Schwan's to Hershey's to lower costs and facilitate easier scooping. The quality of the product will remain at high traditional levels. Mike encouraged everyone to see for themselves by

visiting the Girl Scout milkshake stand at the Country Fest. It will be serving Hershey's.

- Mike supplied a draft of the 2016 work schedule (attached) to cover the booth's operating hours. The boosters have a sizeable number of openings to fill and various methods of acquiring workers were discussed.
- An Ice Cream Stand Committee consisting of Kelly Schmitmeyer, Rebecca Ungruhn and Joe Meyer was selected to coordinate the project. They will work with Mike to solicit workers, determine who will be in charge of the stand on a daily basis and acquire signage reflecting the Boosters' involvement.
- Meeting attendees noted that most likely the best way to get workers was to directly call them. In the end the Ice Cream Committee is responsible for staffing of the open positions (see Mike's schedule) and the method of doing so is their call.
- Mike is open to hiring responsible outside organizations to cover shifts. This will of course reduce the Boosters' share of the proceeds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Student Report: Carly Ungruhn and Rachael Reichert have prepared a PowerPoint presentation emphasizing the positive aspects of Ag education. They will present this to 8th graders during the 2016 – 2017 school. Their goal is to attract additional enrollment.

The garden is planted. This year the students have included blueberry and blackberry bushes.

Update to Board and Administration: Prior to this evening's meeting Shawn Tunte and Rebecca Ungruhn met with the school board and administration. They presented a Marion Local Agricultural Science Update which was prepared by Mr. Elsass. (Copy attached) Per Shawn the update was well received.

Matt Elsass Report: Matt did not attend since he was out of state on a training mission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dave Osterloh moved and Stephanie Pohlman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. Next Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2016 at 8pm in the ML Ag Ed classroom

OUR MISSION

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

Dairy Booster Stand 2016

THURSDAY AUG 11

Mike set up

FRIDAY AUG 12

11-2	Keith Albers (2)	Mike Long (2)	
2-5	Mercer Landmark (6)		Mike open and close
5-8	open (6)		
8-11	open (6)		

SATURDAY AUG 13

11-2	Jim Broering (4)		Mike open and close
2-5	open (6)		
5-8	Brenda Hamberg (6)		
8-11	Tom Schmitmeyer (2)	Ted Dirksen (2)	Tim Dirksen (2)

SUNDAY AUG 14

11-2	Daryl Guggenbiller (4)		Mike open and close
2-5	open (6)		
5-8	open (6)		
8-11	Brad Schwieterman (2)	John Wuebker (2)	Dave Wuebker (2)

MONDAY AUG 15

11-2	Jay Hein (2)	Karen Long (2)	Karen open
2-5	Farm Credit Services(2)		Ag Ed close
5-8	open (6)		
8-11	Roger Broering (2)	Fred Schmitmeyer (2)	Brad Meier (2)

TUESDAY AUG 16

11-2	Jim Ungruhn (2)	Ivo Post (1 or 2)	Ag Ed open and close
2-5	Barb Uhlenhake (2)	Dan Dues (2)	Carl Hartings (2)
5-8	open (6)		
8-11	Larry Reichert (2)	Bob Homan (2)	Roger Evers (2)

WEDNESDAY AUG 17

11-2	open (4)		Ag Ed open and close
2-5	open (4)		
5-8	Angie Schwieterman (3)	Sue Bruns (3)	Linda Broering (1)
8-11	open (6)		

THURSDAY AUG 18

11-2	open (4)		Ag Ed open and close
2-5	open (4)		
5-close	open (4)	Ag Ed close and tear down after 9 pm	

*From Mike Long
6/3/2016*

Marion Local Agricultural Science Update

- Statistics
 - 62 - Agricultural Science Students
 - 47 - 8th Graders
 - 54 - FFA Members
 - 100% of students had Supervised Agricultural Experiences.
 - 80% of students competed in Career Development Events
 - Competed in 7 separate Career Development Events
 - The chapter participated or held at least 8 community service/outreach events.
 - Chapter members participated in at least 9 leadership events
- Goals
 - To complete all officer books for the 16-17 school year
 - To get gold ratings in all books including the National Chapter award application
 - To Increase student utilization of FFA opportunities, such as FFA camp, by 50%
 - To have every student be involved in a collaborative project educationally a community organization or other subject area.
 - Have a 15% increase in program enrollment between the 16-17 school year and the 17-18 school year.
- Highlights
 - FFA covered 10 miles of road during our trash pick-up event
 - The FFA collected 700 pounds of clothing during the Christmas holiday to donate to the Call food Pantry.
 - The FFA made 40 fleece lap blankets for local nursing homes.
 - The FFA raised \$140 during FFA week to donate to a local family.
 - The community garden has been revamped to improve curb appeal, teach common gardening practices and include the chicken coops.
 - Ag Science students continued its educational visits to the elementary.
 - The 8th grade introduction to agriculture class was well received and has 24% increased enrollment for next year.

We have had many highlights for the year but strive for continued excellence, growth, and community interaction. Thank you for all of you support this year and for the years to come.

*PRESENTED TO ML BOARD & ADMINISTRATION
By SHAWN TUNNEY & REBECCA UNGRUM
ON JUNE 13, 2016.
Prepared By MIT ELSASS*