

April 18, 2016 – Alumni Organization Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Terry Dorr	Stacy Warner
Dave & Becky Miller	Paul Beukema
Charlie & Anna Strabel	Amanda Miller
Michelle Wilson & Katelyn	Jim Gillis

Treasury Report by Stacy Warner = \$1,980.32 in checking and \$171.40 in savings. Dave Miller made a motion to accept the Treasure Report as read and Jim Gillis seconded it. All attending were in favor.

Secretary Report by Becky Miller – Stacy Warner made a motion to approve this month’s Secretary Report as read and Charlie Strabel seconded it. All approved.

Old Business

- Website updates – Michelle Wilson displayed four different designs mock up options for the website. All were in favor of Option #4 with a change of wording “categories” to read as “quick links” instead.
- Thank You’s – Terry Dorr – on going.
- Farm to table dinner – On-going.
- New Farm Information – Rachel waiting for next school board meeting for what’s next.
- June 25th & 26th, 2016 – Rimoe Ranch Alumni Food Booth Event. Michelle Wilson is available to help with this.
- FFA sign for entrance to city – Terry Dorr to follow-up on in the fall.

New Business

- June 4th Dairy Day Committee meeting May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss breakfast, events, etc... Need people to respond to the volunteer sign-up that Michelle has forwarded to all affiliated members by email. We are planning for 250 to come and enjoy this event so we need your help in order for this all to work.
- Purchased a 10’ x 20’ tent from Menards and Dave Miller/Amanda Miller will see about getting six 50 lbs. concrete weights made to help anchor the tent down when in use.
- July 9, 2016 – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event.

Ag Department News - May 16, 2016 - Rachel Sauvola, Instructor

Since April 18th’s meeting the Agriscience students and I have been involved in the following things:

April 21 - Veggie of the Month - Asparagus served at all elementary and middle schools

April 22 - Earth Day with Westfields Hospital and Starr 3rd graders - 122 trees planted at five sites - Ready Randy’s, City Park in the development off of A, CIP, Deerfield and Westfields

April 22 - Meeting with the BRIDGE program students to introduce school farm concept

April 24 - Serving food at the Culinary Art Show out at Ready Randy’s

April 26 - Cool class dissection of a pregnant shark (pregnant with triplets!), two goat kids, and our unhatched incubator eggs.

April 29 - Dr. Jeff Johnson from the WITC-Rice Lake campus came to do labs with my animal science students - splinting, suturing, repro system identification, ruminant stomach parts and functions - Is one of the interested WITC staff members who want to partner to increase opportunities for NRHS students

May 5th - Safety Day involving 350 students - 250 from 4th grade, 100 from NRHS, 13 staff members - 28 different stations prepared by my students complete with facts and scripts- Partners this year who were there or let us borrow equipment included - NR Police Dept, NR Fire Dept, St. Croix Electric, Frontier Ag and Turf and Warner's Dock and then 38 different businesses donated money for the safety booklets that each 4th grader receives.

May 6th - Set poles for bird, bat and butterfly houses at Hatfield and Freedom Park and delivered geraniums to 250 4th graders for their Mother's Day gifts - earlier in the semester my students taught them how to plant and care for these geraniums

May 6th - Hosted a Q and A and tour for Shelley Oelhafen from Random Lake School District and one of her former students who is now a teacher in Illinois - Also hosted Sally Albers, State FFA President for pre-service teaching observation work

May 9 - Food for America involving 250 4th graders, 75 NRHS students, and 13 staff members - 28 different stations prepared by my students complete with facts and scripts - Was cut short because of rain so everyone was sad.

May 10 - Hosted and toured Jeff Ladd and the Cameron School District through the program as they are building a new greenhouse from their referendum money

May 12 - Took Patrick Olson, Superintendent, Max Emerson and Sophie Thommes on a tour of the U of M Campus Lab Farm with the assistance of 2014 grad, Megan Schulte and Dr. Tony Sekora, Dairy Genetics Professor. Then we went to the Mann Valley Lab Farm to talk with Lab Farm Director, Bill Connolly, Harry Jensen, Farm Manager and Veronica Justen, Plant Science Professor. A GREAT day! Many ideas were shared and we have four more collegiate people excited about our project. Will be forming an Advisory Council for the School Farm Legacy Project. Some challenges have risen to the forefront related to the lease agreement with the City and the Airport with FAA regulations.

WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD SERVE ON THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL? I NEED HELP!!! Please forward me your ideas.

May 16 - Updating School Board about tours, Advisory Council concept, lease discussions, and more

May 11-21 - Greenhouse is open and plants are for sale! Remaining hours include: May 19 2-5 p.m. and May 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thank you to all who support the Agriscience students and me each and every day at each and every event! As always, if you'd like to volunteer, have something to donate or just need more information, don't hesitate to contact me at rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us or 715-243-1761.

Next scheduled organizational meeting on June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Rachel Sauvola will be out of town that week so plan on meeting at Mary's Park.

Important note/dates for the year:

Discussions for all FFA Members who wish to receive funding from the Alumni, you need to help out at the scheduled events in order to make applicable funding work for you. Your hours are documented at these events. Trying to get out a calendar/events in writing by the September FFA Picnic so both Parent and child know this and are accountable for helping at the alumni events throughout the year.

Sat. June 4th - Dairy Day.

Sat/Sun. June 25th & 26th – Rimoe Ranch Alumni Food Booth Event. Michelle Wilson is available to help with this. We will need a few more helpers. If you love horses, this is an event of interest maybe for you.

Fri/Sat. July 8th & 9th – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event. Friday night is set up and Saturday the tractor pull.

Fri/Sat. Sept. 23th & 24th – Heritage Day Tractor Pull. Friday night is set up and Saturday the tractor pull.

Sat. Oct. 8th (Tentatively) or Sat. Oct. 15th – Fall Plow Day.