

## January 18, 2016 – Alumni Committee Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Jim Gillis	Charlie & Anna
Terry Dorr	Todd Dorr
Dave & Becky Miller	Rachel Sauvola
Michelle Wilson	Liz Beukema & Katelyn

Treasury Report, Stacy Warner was not present.

Secretary Report by Becky Miller – Dave Miller made a motion to approve the Secretary Report as read and Todd Dorr seconded it. All approved.

### Old Business

State FFA Alumni Award – Per Leslie Svacina, - we WON this Alumni Award.

Website ideas: Website committee Leslie Svacina, Todd Dorr and Michelle Wilson. Whomever else is interested in helping to manage the website is more than welcome to join this committee.

Affiliated Membership Alumni for \$350.00 unlimited members September 1, - August 31th – Due in March 2016.

FFA Foundation. Approved to give \$200.00 to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

- Food Stand Upgrade/Events. No Discussion was done on this.
- Farm To Table Discussion – No Discussion was done on this.
- Thank You's. – Terry Dorr working on. Also – Visa Gift Card of \$100.00 for volunteering the outdoor bathrooms for our events this year.
- New Members is ongoing. Volunteer application is on line on the website [www.newrichmondffaalumni.com](http://www.newrichmondffaalumni.com) along with Membership Form to be available. Take time to review on line and fill these out if they apply to you.
- Ongoing documentation with what all is needed to put on an alumni event to make it all successful and easier for a new person to come in and help with food booth, registration, etc....
- Discussion about Plow Day, to maybe switch to a fall plow day in early October, 2016 instead of the spring one. As soon as we decide, make sure to change web-site.

### New Business - Rachel Sauvola:

I presented the drone footage from the Sept. tractor pull. UPDATE: Bill Buell has given us permission to use it on our website.

I presented the School Farm presentation that was made at the City Council and School Board, just prior to attending the meeting.

We worked with the City of NR and were awarded \$ 1000 from the WI Natural Resource Foundation for our Healthy Hatfield Habitat project. Then the Star Prairie Fish and Game gave us \$500 more with the potential to further assist as need be.

I established a New Richmond High School Agricultural Education Fund as a pass through account through the New Richmond Area Community Foundation with my own money as a starting part for the future of the program. Community members can contribute to this tax deductible fund so there is money available for department/FFA needs, scholarships for students and the new school farm.

We had a fantastic trip to Deer's Food Locker and saw Diesel on the meat hooks! Talk about a farm to table lesson! Jesse and Lynette were fantastic hosts!

We sent two students to the FFA Halftime Conference in Stevens Point.

I am presently working with the Girl Scouts so that they can earn a Food Journey award. We are discussing how food gets from the farm to the table, and how food is sourced around the globe.

Students are working with Westfields Hospital, St. Luke's Church, Girl Scouts, Designer Logo, Farm and Home and Thrivent Financial to create reusable tote bags that will be sold at this year's Empty Bowls fundraiser. The entire project is donated and we have received our first order for 500 bags from Health Partners for a donation of \$2500 long before the April 14th event occurs. Exciting stuff as this money goes to fund the Happy Kids Backpack Program!

I am this week's speaker at the XYZ Retiree get together which will be held at First Lutheran Church. Our focused discussion is on hunger in the New Richmond community.

This week's field trips will take us to the Jason Raymond Farm for dehorning and vaccinating and to Dave Steel's for castration and ear notching.

District Speaking Contest is next Monday, Jan. 25th. Thanks to Michelle Wilson for helping to transport students there.

We will be hosting a petting zoo at the Centre on Jan. 29th and going to the World's Toughest Rodeo on Feb. 5th.

A whole new crop of students will show up next week as the semester changes. I am looking forward to old and new faces as we continue to do great things in the Agriscience program and FFA chapter! Remember we're always looking for willing volunteers and people to share their time, talents and resources with us. Thank you to all who have already done so and will continue to do so. You are appreciated!!!

Next scheduled meeting on February 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

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### Important note/dates for the year:

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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.

Fri and/or Sat - Feb. 5 and 6th - State FFA Alumni Convention in Madison and World's Toughest Rodeo in St. Paul.

Mon. and Tues. March 14 and 15th - Awards Judging in my classroom.

Sun Apr. 10 - FFA Banquet at NRHS - Will need help with food, awards, dessert auction, etc. - Will start at 10:30 a.m.; eat at 1 p.m. and program at 2 p.m.

Sat. June 4th - Dairy Day