



DeWitt Central FFA

Meeting Minutes: September

The DeWitt Central FFA monthly meeting was held in the Auditorium at the Clinton County Fair Grounds. The meeting was called to order by Kaitlyn Burken at 7:06 pm on Monday, September 14th, 2020.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Lucas Bratthauer. In the month of August we had 2 revenues giving us a grand total of \$39,016.36 in the chapter's account.

Reporter's Report: The reporter's report was given by Fayeth Henningson. Fayeth said that "A Day in The Life of..." videos have been posted on the chapters youtube and members are encouraged to submit a video of their day to Fayeth. There were over 90 social media posts throughout the summer.

Unfinished Business:

County and State fair: Alivia Burzlaff, Kimberly Hendricks, and Cheyenne Youmans went to the Best of the Best show for their champion livestock at the Clinton County Fair.

Livestock Judging: Megan said that the Livestock Judging team went to the Benton County contest and placed third overall. The Livestock Judging team was also 1st at the state contest. They will be heading to Kansas City for the national contest.

Officer retreat: Officer retreat was held on June 30th. The officer team planned the upcoming FFA year as well as decided on T-Shirt designs.

Can Trailer: Kimberly said that the can trailer raised \$386 last month that will be donated to Landon Brick and his family. The can trailer is a fundraiser for our chapter and is set out at MJ's in DeWitt.

Conventions: District and state conventions were held virtually this year. Samatha Hledik and Jack Campbell had CDE's at District. Megan was district officer candidate and was selected to the position of northeast sub district vice president. Carson Deppe, Heather Cernek, Emma Sailor, Spencer Payson, and Noah Conard received their Iowa degrees at the state convention. The Treasure, Reporters, and Secretary's book also went to state convention.

Committee Reports:

Crops: Lucas said that the test plot committee will be hosting an appreciation night at the test plot on Tuesday the 15th at the test plot. We need new members of the committee as it was a senior based committee. The test plot is a huge fundraiser to our chapter, it is 17 acres with 29 seed varieties.

Ag Education Trailer: Megan said that the Ag Education Trailer will have information about misconceptions in agriculture. This trailer will be brought around the community and to many events. The trailer is wrapped and has a countertop and is being painted soon. The committee was also senior based so new members are encouraged.

Promotions Committee: Fayeth said that the promotions committee is a communication based committee that promotes our FFA chapter and informs people of upcoming events. The promotions committee also creates flyers, posters, logos, etc.

New Business:

Homecoming Parade: The homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, September 17th and we will be meeting in the ag shop at 5pm if you would like to walk in the parade.

Monday Motor Madness: Mrs. Grantz said that Monday Motor Madness was a group of FFA members who worked on engines and motors in the ag shop. Because the leader of this group, Spencer Payson, has graduated we need someone else to lead the group. Signup is in the ag room otherwise talk to Mrs. Grantz or any of the officers to be part of the Monday Motor Madness group.

Barn Bash: Barn Bash will be held on October 11th from 3-7 at Midnight farms in Maqueta. We will have games, catered supper at 5:30 pm, and our chapter picture. Post cards will be sent out with additional information.

Fruit Sales: Lucas talked about fruit sales which is another fundraiser for our chapter. Fruit sale sheets will be handed out in your Ag class at the beginning of October. After fruit sales there is a rewards party for those who sold fruit. More information to come.

Apparel: FFA Apparel has been ordered and if you are a dues paying member you get a free black FFA T-Shirt.

SAE Grants: (Supervised Agriculture Experience) You can apply for a thousand dollar SAE grant to spend towards starting a new SAE or an existing one. Grant application is open to all FFA members from September 15th - November 15th. Jenna Stevens is willing to help write grants.

New Grill: Lucas said that we currently have a small, unsafe grill that needs to be upgraded. We use our grill for many FFA events and can use it for many more if we get a bigger one. Megan moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimberly; Motion passed. We also formed a committee to research grills in our budget.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: The next chapter meeting will be on October 12th, 2020. An Activity will start at 6pm and the meeting will follow at 7pm.

Closing Ceremonies: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm by the officer team.

Entertainment, Recreation and or Refreshments:

Members played outdoor games with pork tenderloins, chips, and baked goods for supper at 6pm.