



DeWitt Central FFA

Meeting Minutes: October

The October monthly meeting was held in the ag. room. The meeting was called to order by Heather Cernek at 6:56 pm on Monday, October 8th, 2018.

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

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Carson Deppe. So far this year, there has been a total of ? expenses for the month of September and our total amount in expenses for the year is \$???. There were ? revenues past month and a total of \$??? for the whole year. There is a total of \$???? in Outstanding Purchase Orders. These give us a grand total of \$???? in our chapter account.

Reporter's Report: The reporter's report was given by Noah Conard. An article about Farm Safety Day has been written and was in the newspaper as well as an article about District Soils Judging. An article will be coming out soon once Kirkwood Livestock Judging is completed.

Special Features: A guest speaker from the DeWitt Veterinary Clinic was scheduled to come and talk about the Vet Clinic. Due to a family emergency however, they were unable to come and speak at the chapter meeting.

Unfinished Business:

4th Grade Ag Safety Day: Heather Cernek described what we did on 4th Grade Ag Safety Day. The event was held on September 13th at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Members and guest speakers taught different stations based around agricultural safety. A pro/con list was generated. Some of the pros that we had in mind include the time at each station, the stations themselves, having Culver's custard at the end, having high-schoolers for teachers, and also having the bathrooms unlocked at the fairgrounds. A few

of the cons that were talked about were having the stations numbered in order, have more time to switch, keeping the stations closer together, and having a small animal station next time.

Can Drive Update: A can drive update was given by Carson Deppe. The trailer is still at MJ's East but was recently taken and unloaded in Maquoketa last week. Approximately 5,000 cans were taken and we made \$262. It is asked that the can bags be tied otherwise they end up spilling in the trailer.

Committee Reports:

Monday Motor Madness: A report on the progress made by the Monday Motor Madness Committee was given by Spencer Paysen. He said that the committee is getting close to finishing the lawn mower and they are looking for a new project for next year. Anyone who has a project they could do can contact Spencer Paysen. Any members looking to participate can still sign up and join that committee. Their meeting are after school every Monday.

Crops Committee: Jacob Bratthauer briefly described what the Crops Committee has been working on. The test plot will be harvested as soon as the weather gets nicer and it all dries up. Corn prices are dropping so they want to get that done as soon as possible.

Fishing Derby: A fishing derby committee will be going soon and members on that committee can expect to meet next Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 am. Committee members are asked to each bring a list of 10 rules that could be used in the Fishing Derby.

New Business:

SAE Spotlight: Noah Conard described what the SAE Spotlight is. He said that it highlights a member's SAE for the month. If a member is looking to apply for this, there is an application on the website. The applications get carried over from month to month but if you apply, you must include a picture or video pertaining to you and your SAE in order to be considered. Members who are in the SAE Spotlight will receive a prize that will be

determined at a later time.

SAE Grants: Mrs. Grantz told members that SAE Grants are coming up and will be due November 15th but she said not to wait until the end to fill them out. These grant applications can be found under the “Applications” tab in AET. Mrs. Grantz explained that this is a great opportunity for members to kick start an SAE project. For more information about these SAE grants, you can visit the homepage on the chapter’s website.

Fruit Sales: Carson Deppe explained to members that everyone should have received fruit sale envelopes and forms. It’s encouraged to sell as much fruit as possible so we can break our goal of \$30,000. Fruit sales is one of our largest fundraisers of the year. For members who sell boxes of fruit, thrift account money will no longer be given.

Kirkwood Livestock Judging: Jacob Bratthauer talked about Kirkwood Livestock Judging coming up. Any 8th grade, Freshman, or Sophomore members who are signed up to participate need to meet in the ag room on October 9th right after school. They are supposed to bring a pencil, clipboard, and money to purchase dinner on the way home.

Pumpkin Fest: Emma explained that Pumpkin Fest will be held on Sunday, October 14th. Pumpkin Fest is when there are fun games and activities for kids to participate in. FFA members are asked to run these stations. There is a recorded list of people who raised their hands and would like to participate at Pumpkin Fest. Spencer Paysen then explained what the Pumpkin Derby is and told the chapter that there are carts that you can create to set a pumpkin on. The cart with the pumpkin is then rolled down a ramp and there are different categories you can win in. If you are a winner, you will receive a traveling trophy and your name will be engraved on a plaque.

LDE/CDE Sign-Ups: Mrs. Grantz told the chapter that CDE and LDE sign-ups are on the wall in the ag room and also on the chapter website. To get a better understanding on what each CDE and LDE is, you can visit the website for descriptions. Also on the website, members can look at contest rules as well as find what CDE would best suit them from our CDE Match-Maker. Sub-District Convention will be held on February 19th in Eldridge and District Convention will be March 10th in Lone Tree.

Rake N' Run: Carson Deppe explained to the chapter that Rake N' Run is coming up. Originally, the date was going to be October 20th but weather may cause for a change in the date. If the date will be changed, it will be sometime in November.

Fire-Up Week: Noah Conard talked about Greenhand Fire-Up Week. On Tuesday, November 6th, a lunch will be provided by the DeWitt Central FFA Alumni Chapter in the ag room. That night there will also be a District-wide Greenhand Fire-Up Night which is in Wellman, Iowa. Greenhand members wishing to attend should meet that in the ag room after school that day. On that Thursday, the chapter will be having a breakfast in the ag room. Friday, November 9th, there will be our Hay Hop to bring our exciting Greenhand Fire-Up Week to an end. All week long there will be a Photo Challenge which will be based around songs. Every day, a winner will be picked for that theme and will receive a cool prize.

Amplify/Ignite Conferences: Heather Cernek told members that Amplify and Ignite Conferences, formerly known as 212/360 Conferences are coming up on November 10th. She recommended going and said that it was a great way for members to enhance their leadership abilities while also meeting new people. You can sign up on the bulletin board by Friday. All members must pay \$40 if they are signed up to go but decide last minute that they are unable to attend the conferences.

Trivia Night: An update on the progress made on the Trivia Night Event was given by Carson Deppe. The committee will be meeting on all Monday mornings at 7:30. He encouraged members to talk to their parents and start getting teams together and ready for the night. A spreadsheet will be coming soon to begin organizing the teams.

Thrift Accounts: Carson Deppe also explained to members that that chapter will no longer be using thrift accounts for members. Any money in the thrift accounts right now will need to be used as soon as possible. An email was sent out about a month ago which contained the thrift account balances for each individual member.

Chapter Apparel: For our chapter apparel this year, we are only going to do the front design of our members t-shirts. On the back of the order forms there is a picture of what one clothing item, sweatpants, will look like. The

sweatpants will just be a darker gray than what is shown in the picture. Members should have picked up the order forms at the meeting; the forms and money are due Monday, October 15th. Members can use any thrift account money they currently have to pay for their apparel order. All apparel will be in before Christmas. The chapter picture can be found on our Facebook page.

Program of Activities: Spencer Paysen notified the chapter that the Program of the Activities (POA) is complete. All members should have received an email a week prior to the meeting. Spencer Paysen moved to approve the POA; Jacob Bratthauer seconded the motion. Kailey Clark suggested having a different process for electing chapter officers. She said that we might be able to have a system for having FFA delegates from each grade level but continuing the same application and interview process. Remington Duwa shared his opinion of possibly having 2 people balloted for each office position, similar to District Officers. A google form could then be sent out to all members to vote on the officers. Emma Sailor provided input on making the officer selection process more based on what the chapter members wanted, making it a more Student-Run System. Spencer Paysen disagrees with amending the current election system and wishes it would rather stay the same. The item of business was laid on the table by Kailey Clark and will be discussed at the next chapter meeting on Monday, November 10th. Remington Duwa seconded the motion and it was then voted on by the chapter to further discuss the Program of Activities at the November Chapter meeting on November 10th.

Announcements:

Next Chapter Meeting: The next chapter meeting will be Monday, November 10th. The meeting will be at 7 pm but an activity and snacks will be at 6 pm.

National Convention: Heather told the chapter that National Convention will be October 24th-27th. All members going to National Convention will need to bring their filled-out Health Sheet and money on Friday, October 12th. There will also be a meeting in the ag room to discuss National Convention expectations on that day as well.

Fruit Sales: Fruit Sale forms along with all of the money must be turned in to

Mrs. Grantz by Thursday, November 1st.

Chapter Apparel: Apparel forms and all of the money for the orders are due to Mrs. Grantz by Monday, October 15th.

Closing Ceremonies: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by the officer team.

Entertainment, Recreation and or Refreshments: The activity was decorating mini pumpkins to get members ready for Halloween. The game started at 6 pm and refreshments were apples, apple dip, Halloween treats, and birthday cake for Kimberly Hendrick's birthday.