

## March 14, 2016 – Alumni Organization Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Jim Gillis	Rachel Sauvola
Terry Dorr	Stacy Warner
Dave & Becky Miller	Daryl Garness
Charlie & Anna Strabel	Amanda Sazama

Treasury Report by Stacy Warner = New Roster is submitted (138 members compared to last year of 30). Insurance policy renewal of \$1,628.00, payments to be made quarterly. Daryl Garness made a motion to accept the Treasury Report as read and Daryl Garness seconded it. All approved. Copier contract renewal = \$389.00. Charlie Strabel made a motion to renew contract for another year, Terry Dorr 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All in favor. All were in favor to renew our Food Trailer License Plate tab = \$15.00.

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

### Old Business

- Thank You's. – Terry Dorr working on. Also – Visa Gift Card of \$100.00 for volunteering the outdoor bathrooms for our events this year.
- 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....
- New Farm Information – Rachel/Sophie discussed and mentioned there is tillable land but not ready for this year yet.
- FFA Banquet – April 10, 2016. Set-up starts at 10:00 a.m., Eat at 1:00 p.m. and program begins at 2:00 p.m. Terry Dorr will pick up meat at Deer's Locker, Becky Miller will do the Sam's Club run as soon as total attendance is calculated.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Rimoe Ranch Alumni Food Booth Event. Michelle Wilson is available to help with this.
- July 9, 2016 – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event.
- Drone Footage from last tractor pull is on the website.
- SAE Grants – 5 students applied for this.
- Outstanding Business Award – Discussed many candidates for this coming year.
- Ryan Joy – Munson Hybrids would like to donate bottled water for our events this year. Terry Dorr has ordered our water for this year's events. He also will make a sign to hang at all our tractor pull events.

### New Business

Mrs. Sauvola's FFA Family, Friends and Alumni Report for March Organizational Meeting:

Since Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>'s last meeting, the Agriscience students and I have been involved in the following things:

**4K Petting Zoo with Sonshine Learning Center** - Small Animal Science students orchestrated this event, with three more on the books for March and April. Both sets of students are thoroughly enjoying their time together with story time,

**Healthy Hatfield Habitat Project** - Advanced Fish and Wildlife students are gathering information and student leaders

**Veggie of the Month - Dijon Beets** - More students liked them than we were expecting! That's a good thing!

**FFA Week - Chapter Affiliation made this the best one in 17 years!**

Each class chose an agricultural focus, a community group to bestow a Random Act of Kindness upon and lunch activities that included info for the big screen and an event to involve students. They sold bowls of ice cream for 50 cents to have money to donate to several different worthy causes - the Backpack Program's Snack Program and Gregory's Gift of Hope.

**Monday** - 1st hour Sm Ani Sci led - Animal Population Awareness

Students created a Family Feud style game where participants came to the table to go head to head (complete with buzzers) on animal population related questions. On the big screen they want to showcase "Did You Know" facts. They chose the Fire Dept to receive their RAK and have made certificates for each fire fighter and Explorer.

**Tuesday** - 2nd hour Adv Fish and Wildlife led - Animals as Food

They created life sized animals that we hunt and put targets on them to have students practice aiming for the vitals to emphasize the importance of no animal suffering during the hunt. Participants shot the animals with Nerf guns after answering a question related to animals hunted for food. They had a Did You Know fact presentation on the big screen as well. Their RAK was for the volunteers at Gregory's who keep the place open and the animals happy.

**Wednesday** - 3rd hour Sm Ani led - Animals in the Movies

Their focus was on the incredible number of animals in Disney and Pixar films. They had a fun matching game and wanted to create a game to involve the student body in a matching "Who said what?" famous line activity and animal identification. They will also had a Did You Know? scrolling on the big screen. Their RAK was for the police force and NRSD crossing guards.

**Thursday** - 4th hour PAPM led - Veggie and Plant Awareness

They created a Kahoot for the big screen and worked with Karen Brummer, Supervisor of School Nutrition, to obtain samples for the students to try - jicama, edamame, Fava bean soup, and craisins were sampled. They created some posters to highlight Wisconsin's incredible commodity production stats and chose the lunch ladies and maintenance/custodial staff for their RAK.

**Friday** - 6th hour Sm Ani Sci led - Agricultural Careers

This group cared for animals during FFA Week, so they had far less time to work on coordinating their event than the other classes. Therefore they borrowed the Ag Career Awareness activity from the Vet Science crew and then researched ag career facts for a Did You Know? scrolling presentation on the big screen. They are recognizing the City Staff and specifically the Streets and Parks Dept for their RAK.

**My 5th hour Vet Science** class divided themselves up to go to the Middle School on M-W-F so that our members there could be part of the fun too. Suann Dehne chaperoned for us.

Monday was Career Awareness Day. They came up with a trivia and shoe scramble as a way to teach careers and hit the fact that not everyone is a farmer. Wednesday was Ag Product Awareness Day where they showcased the products we get from animals - shampoo, lotion, glue, paintbrushes, etc. Friday was review of what the kids learned through Jeopardy and they celebrated the farmer/rancher with our cow head roping to talk about all they provide for the world.

**FFA Week Snow tubing** - We organized 160 members from 12 schools on the hill- It was muddy this year, but super fun!

**RAKs** - We have received excellent feedback from the community related to the RAKs we completed. The Police Dept gave us a shoulder patch worn by a real officer and a crossing guard sent a card that said in 12 years she has only been thanked a couple of times for keeping students safe. The Star Prairie and NR Post Office staff sent a card of thanks. All in all, we surprised more than 350 people in the community and everyone felt great about the smile they put on another person's face when they were passed out. Pulling up in the school bus was alarming to some, but everyone was eager to head to the next location!

**Empty Bowls Tote Bag Making Project** - involving FFA Family, Friends and Alumni members Stacy Warner, Linda Volkert, Karen Volkert, and Michelle Wilson - Students and community members came together a total of five times to create the tote bags we will sell for EB. In the end, 1111 bags were made, involving over 1105 hours of people using their time, talent and skills to make it happen.

**Tour of Frontier Ag and Turf** - Seven NRHS staff members toured Frontier Ag and Turf with Greg Christenson and Steve Nugent to learn more about the present technologies in tractors today. How will we feed the world in 2050? That is the question to ponder!

**WITC Meetings** - I am presently meeting with WITC to brainstorm ways in which they can help agriscience students and the community through new tech school coursework and continuing education opportunities in the agriscience education area. We are hoping for certificates, transcribed credits and more for students to get ahead while in high school.

**MS Meeting** - High School members helped middle school members get their award forms started.

**Tilapia Filleting** - Filleted remaining 12 tilapia and netted 8.57 pounds of meat! We cooked them up in Advanced Fish and Wildlife using various spices and cooking methods.

**Greenhouse** - Planting is under way - plugs and seeds. Looking for classroom volunteers - Thank you to Suann Dehne, Beth Soviak and Anna Strabel for the time they put in planting before Spring Break.

**Easter Lilies** - For sale - \$12 - pick-up this Thursday, 3/17 by 5 p.m. or Friday, 3/18 by 3 p.m.

**Doorbell** - We installed a white doorbell at the D3 door. Please use it when visiting school so that we can let you in.

As always if you have any questions for me, please email me at [rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us](mailto:rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us) or call at 715-243-1761. Thank you!

Next scheduled meeting on April 18, 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.

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

Sat/Sun. June 25th & 26<sup>th</sup> – 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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event. Friday night is set up and Saturday the tractor pull.

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

Sat. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> (Tentatively) or Sat. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Fall Plow Day.

