October 19, 2015 - Alumni Committee Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Stacy Warner Rachel Sauvola Jim & Chris Miller
Terry Dorr Don Thibodeau Daryl Garness
Dave & Becky Miller Todd Dorr Terry Miller
Jim Gillis Michelle Wilson Shawnee Holte

Charlie & Anna Strabel Leslie Svacina

Treasury Report by Stacy Warner - was read and all approved.

Secretary Report by Becky Miller - was read and all approved.

Old Business

Website ideas: Leslie Svacina willing to form a website committee meeting with Michelle Wilson and whomever else is interested in helping to manage the website.

State FFA Alumni Award – needs to be submitted by November 30th deadline. Application = Website Award".

New Members is ongoing.

Volunteer application is on line on the website 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....

Fundraisers:

- Food Stand/Terry Dorr Possibly work with Cheese Curds "deep fried" at different events and Ellsworth Cheese Curds.
- Shawnee Holte's Family Offered to give us a Highland hide, head (skull) and horns to do as we want. Discussed doing a yearlong raffle and checking into social media on the internet. Leslie made a motion to accept the offer of the hide, head and horns. Jim Gillis seconded it.
- Michelle Wilson is working with St. Croix County Craft Fairs setting up at Farm & Home.
- Farm To Table Discussion October 4th growing food Will Allen

Stacy Warner implementing/incentive toward member volunteer time at event(s) and to somehow pool money together for when needed later by a specific member request and approval. Becky Miller has put together all the documentation of worker(s) and hours worked for all alumni events.

NRACF – Rachel Sauvola mentioned this is at a standstill for now. Discussion is at the school board level. Good stuff possibly happening in near future.

Heritage Days Tractor Pull Event – Awesome turnout for all. Checking with Bill Buell on drone pictures.

New Business

- Thank You's.
- Go to LaVentures to look at weights.
- Affiliated for Alumni for \$350.00 unlimited members September 1, August 31th Due in March 2016.

Rachel Sauvola

- Creepers at Dreadwood.
- Feed my starving children bus load going, including alumni members Stacy Warner and Leslie Svacina volunteering to attend.
- Fish fillet Filleted 530 Tilapia October 19th = 960 lbs. 10 oz. in 3 hours. Wednesday, Westfield Hospital, School lunches and Hudson Hospital will be using this for fish tacos.
- FFA National Convention 3 students are attending and have been active in helping with Alumni Events so Stacy Warner made a motion that we give \$500.00 total for them to split towards this convention. (Note: Write two separate checks with different dates, one for \$200.00 and one for \$300.00 for Ms. Sauvola). Dave Miller seconded it. All were in favor.
- MS Meeting.
- Action City Nov. 3rd Pizza, Games and Activities from 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- Fruit Sale Completed by November 4th.
- Parli Pro Workshop River Fall, Monday November 9th.
- 212/360.

Volunteer Successes: Tons of Success.

Next schedule meeting is November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School. Will need to contact a custodian to open for us as Rachel will be gone.

Todd Dorr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Dorr seconded it. Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

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.

Fundraiser Reminder – Selling Engine Heater timers (\$20.00) to local agricultural producers. Taking orders between September 1 and October 23, 2015.

Sat. Dec. 5th - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Breakfast with Santa at Farm and Home - Will need a few volunteers to supervise the students as I am out of town.

Sat. Dec. 12th - Farm and Home - Bake sale.

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