



# DeWitt Central FFA

## Meeting Minutes: November

The November monthly meeting was held in the ag. room. The meeting was called to order by Heather Cernek at 6:59 pm on Monday, November 12th, 2018.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by Kailey Clark.

### Officer Reports:

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Devin Luskey. For the month of October there has been a total of \$ in total expenses and a total of \$ in revenues. There is still \$510.49 in Outstanding Purchase Orders. All of these give us a grand total of \$43,568.25 in the chapter's account.

**Reporter's Report:** The reporter's report was given by Noah Conard and he said that he has finished the article for Trivia Night and also Kirkwood Livestock Judging. The SAE Spotlight Applications are still up on the bulletin board in the ag room and can also be found on the chapter's website. Nobody has signed up since last meeting; the SAE Spotlight is a great way for member's to show their SAE. The Scrapbook committee also had a meeting.

**Special Features:** Kevin Green from GreenView Farms gave a presentation to the chapter and informed members about his business. Mr. Green started farming in 1976 when he originally rented a 160 acre farm with dairy cattle, beef cattle, and also pigs. He had rented the farm against his father's wishes and he explained his tennant was very strict. The tennant wouldn't allow him to sell any grain made from the farm, it all had to be fed to the livestock. After he had the livestock for a few years, he had made some money and began to gradually expand the farm. Later in 1983, he was farrowing 125 sows at that point and because of the restriction of his tennant, decided to become a grain farmer and moved to a better house and farm. He's grown GreenView Farms into the place it is today with the newest technology. They are able to plant about 800 acres of crops per day and come harvest time, they can harvest about 250 acres of corn and 400-500 acres of beans per day. Kevin

hires out all of the trucking, spraying, and a lot of other jobs because it's cheaper and more efficient in the end. There are 6 full time employees that work for his business and many part time employees such as one of the chapter's members, Spencer Paysen. Kevin said that the two biggest challenges he faces today is working with landowners and marketing/promoting his crops.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**SAE Grants:** Heather Cernek told members that SAE Grants are due on Thursday, November 15th, 2018. To apply for an SAE Grant, members can apply through their Online AET Record Keeping System. There is a portion of the application the Mrs. Grantz has to fill out. It is highly recommended that members take this opportunity because the chosen FFA member gets \$1000 for them to put towards their SAE project.

**Fruit Sales:** Noah Conard told the chapter that there were \$25,864 worth of fruit, just shy of the goal that was set of \$30,000. The fruit will be delivered on December 3rd sometime between 9:00am and 7:00pm. Noah stressed the importance that the fruit MUST be picked up on December 3rd.

**Rake N' Run:** A summary of Rake N' Run was given by Jacob Bratthauer. Rake N' Run will be on Saturday, November 17th at 8:00am. Members planning on going must be at the ag room by that time. Jacob advised members to dress warm and bring any rakes, leaf blowers, and tarps that can be used. There will be a meal after all of the yards are raked, members can still sign up if they wish to participate.

**Trivia Night:** Spencer Paysen gave a quick recap on Trivia Night which was held on Saturday, November 3rd at Buzzy's Tap in Welton. A pro and con list was created by members. Some of the pros included having good questions, having well-known categories such as the Lay's Chips, and with Megan Clark as the MC. The event was very well organized and everybody knew their jobs and what they were supposed to be doing. It helped having the questions on the board and overall, we had a lot of success doing the event on our own. Some areas that members suggested could use improvement were the jokes and that some guests claimed they already paid so it might help to have more people at the front desk. There could also be more rules and it wouldn't

hurt to have another member who would not be on the FFA Team to double-check all questions and answers to ensure there wouldn't be any incorrect answers on the Trivia Powerpoint.

**Program of Activities:** Heather Cernek stated that the Program of Activities was discussed at the previous meeting and proper Parliamentary Procedure must be used. Noah Conard moved to take the Program of Activities off the table and the motion was seconded by Jacob Bratthauer. The chapter passed the motion and Kailey Clark proceeded to explain her idea of a system with delegates and process with multiple steps including the interview process. Devin Luskey disagreed and thought the system was fine and no changes were needed. The officer election process is part of the bylaws which can be changed anytime throughout the year and may affect the 2019 officer election process. Spencer Paysen moved to refer this item of business to a committee of 4 members, one representative from each grade level 8-11. The would have the power to act and report back at our next regularly scheduled meeting, this motion was seconded by Jacob Bratthauer. Motion was passed by the chapter and making a change to the officer election system will be referred to a committee of four members. Emma Sailor, Megan Clark, Heather Cernek, and Justin Costello all discussed the motion. Emma Sailor suggested that a decision be made before December and Megan Clark said that the chapter advisor should not be able to get the final say/decision in chapter officer elections and they should not be able to override the chapter or committee's wishes. Heather Cernek said this is a very serious topic and members should do some more research such as talking to other chapters and advisors to take into consideration every option. Changing the bylaws, or more specifically the election process, is a large change that will affect the future of the chapter. Drastic moves and changes can't be made without considering every option first and not all members at the chapter meeting understand the changes that are being discussed. Justin Costello clarified questions that members had on what was being discussed. The members present at the meeting voted on who they wanted as the representatives for their class. Samantha Hledik will be serving as the 8th grade representative, Megan Clark will represent the Freshmen, Devin Luskey will represent the Sophomores, and Kailey Clark will serve as the representative for the Junior Class. The President Heather Cernek and Vice President Spencer Paysen will also serve on the committee as ex-officio members.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Monday Motor Madness:** Spencer Paysen gave a committee report to the chapter on Monday Motor Madness and asked if anyone had any restoration projects in mind that the committee could do in the future. Any members with ideas should contact Spencer Paysen. The committee is also planning on starting its own section in the newsletter called Monday Motor Monthly.

**Crops Committee:** A Crops committee report was given by Jacob Bratthauer. The Krukow Brothers along with Jason Spain helped to get the test plot harvested and fertilizer was spread by P&K Midwest. The test plot still needs to be chisel plowed.

**Fishing Derby:** Noah Conard gave an update on the progress made by the Fishing Derby Committee. The date has been pushed back to next Spring and the committee will continue to have meeting bi-weekly.

**Promotions:** Heather Cernek described what the Promotions Committee has been working on. The committee is meeting every Friday at 7:30am in the ag room. They have been working on the website, chapter newsletter, and other various communication projects. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, they can just let Heather know and she will add your name to the email list.

## **New Business:**

**Alumni Basketball Concessions:** Noah Conard informed chapter members that Alumni Basketball Concession season is coming up. Every year, our Alumni Chapter hosts the concessions for all girls basketball games at home. Noah said that helping at the concessions is always very fun and you can start signing up for concessions on the Bulletin Board in the ag room. The concessions are typically open between 4:30pm until the end of the basketball games. The concessions are a major fundraiser for the Alumni which they in turn use to help fund events for our chapter. The first game is this Friday, November 16th.

**Poinsettia Sales:** Mrs. Grantz talked about Poinsettia sales. 86 out of 120

poinsettias have been sold but pink, red, and white poinsettias can continue being sold by members. The plants have almost fully changed color, they \$10 per plant. Flyers are in the ag room for members to take and use to sell. Kaitlyn Burken and Olivia Reyna are currently watering and caring for them.

**Christmas Party:** Heather Cernek told the chapter that our next chapter meeting will also be combined with the Christmas Party. The Christmas Party will be from 4pm-6pm on Thursday, December 13th with the meeting following afterwards at 6pm. A committee will soon be formed and members can serve on the committee when they sign up on the bulletin board in the ag room. Emma Sailor will send out an email after everyone has had the chance to sign up.

**Community Service Ideas:** Mrs. Grantz mentioned that the chapter wanted to carry out a community service activity towards the end of 2018. One idea that she had was doing a "Giveback Kickback". The chapter would be giving back by contacting businesses in DeWitt and helping them with anything they needed help with. The Kickback part of the activity would be coming back to school and having activities or watching a movie for the rest of the school day. Another idea that was tossed around was "Socktober" which is a sock drive for the referral center. Something simple such as collecting cans for our can drive during Rake N' Run was also brought up. Members who have any further ideas can contact Mrs. Grantz or a chapter officer.

## **Announcements:**

**Next Meeting and Christmas Party:** The next chapter meeting and Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 13th. The meeting will be at 6 pm but Christmas Party activities and food will be from 4pm-6pm.

**Fruit Sales:** The delivery date for fruit sales is Monday, December 3rd. Fruit will be delivered sometime between 9am and 7pm. Fruit MUST be picked up by members on December 3rd.

**Newsletter:** A new chapter newsletter is out and they are available in the ag room if members are interested in looking through it.

**Closing Ceremonies:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm by the officer team.

**Entertainment, Recreation and or Refreshments:** Before the meeting, members could play boardgames and enjoy pizza and pumpkin bars.