



DeWitt Central FFA

Meeting Minutes: April

The monthly meeting was held in the ag. room. The meeting was called to order by Skylar Bloom at 7:05 pm on Monday, April 16th, 2018.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Were read by Heather Cernek.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Was given by Emma Sailor. At this time our Chapter's total expenses added up to \$7,873.00 and our revenue was \$1,361.20. Making our overall balance \$ 42,502.65.

Reporter's Report: Was given by Kailey Clark. Social media posts have been posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter about various upcoming events such as FFA Banquet, Iowa Council Award and classroom activities in the ag. room. She is currently creating a Spring special edition newsletter with the chapter historian.

Special Features: Guest speaker Ange Clark informed members about showing grain and photography at the Clinton County Fair this year. For members interested, Ange announced that Steve Diedrich will host a grains night, where members can pick grains, ask questions and enjoy a barbeque on Sunday, June 3rd at his house. It will start at 3:30 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Titan Tire Program: FFA members interested in restoring a tractor have the opportunity to receive four brand new tires for free through the Titan Tire Program. Mrs. Grantz explained that our chapter needs to have a system that will hold members accountable for the program. One idea discussed was using a blank check. This involves the member that is using the program to write a blank check and if they do not follow through, Mrs. Grantz will write in

the money owed, if they do follow through, she will throw it away. Noah Conard moved to use a blank check to hold members accountable and Kailey Clark seconded.

Labor Auction: Heather Cernek educated the chapter on our annual labor auction, held during the chapter banquet in April. She explained that the members who signed up are assigned, each pair consisting of an upperclassmen and younger member. Labor Auction pairs are required to be at the chapter banquet so they can be auctioned off for 8 hours of labor. All the proceeds will go towards our chapter's FFA Fire-Up Week. The sheet of pairs was passed around and members checked over their contact information. Heather also talked about the new contract forms that the members and buyer will both keep and sign.

CDE Reward Party: Parker Shute updated the chapter about the CDE Reward Party. He notified members that AmericInn no longer allows for pool reservations and suggestions two new options instead. Members had the option to roller skate in Eldridge on May 4th or have a pool party at the DeWitt Pool on June first. Members voted to have a pool party on June first at the pool. All members that competed in a CDE will swim for free and other members are still welcome but will need to pay the \$5 fee.

County and State Fair Exhibitors: For FFA members showing livestock in the Clinton County and/or Iowa State Fair Noah Conard informed them that they need to have all animals registered by May 15th. He reminded the chapter that sheep and goat weigh-in is on Saturday, April 21 in the ag. room shop at 9:00 am. FSQA certification is still needed in order to show livestock and members should expect to hear more information regarding the entering/show night that Mrs. Grantz puts on in June. Members have until the next chapter meeting to submit their entries.

State Leadership Conference: Is from Sunday, April 22nd to Tuesday the 24th at Ames. Mrs. Grantz told the chapter that the bus will be leaving at 1 pm from the bus barn! 21 members are in a contest or receiving an award and an itinerary was emailed to all members signed-up. She reminded students to pack light and take everything they need. Health forms are required and are due on Wednesday, April 18th by 3:00 pm. In addition, Mrs. Grantz announced that an FFA Sendoff will be held on Friday, April 20th in the High School atrium at 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome, including parents, to help support

the members who have advanced to State in contests and awards. An informational sheet was given to all members.

Committee Reports:

Small Engines Club: Spencer Paysen updated the chapter on the progress of the lawn mower members have been working on. All the parts have been purchased and the tires will be picked up on Tuesday, April 17th. He highly recommended more chapter members get involved if they are interested in mechanics and making new friends.

Crops Committee: Jacob Bratthauer recapped the last committee meeting for members and said that seed is being purchased. The fields will be tilled and planted once the weather improves.

Engineering Committee: Noah Conard invited members to come help in the greenhouse on Wednesday, April 18th from 3:30-6:30 pm. They are working on the automatic watering system.. Noah encouraged members to get involved as it is lots of fun and a great learning experience.

New Business:

Asparagus: Our chapter has a patch of land that is used to grow asparagus in the spring every year. Skylar Bloom explained the responsibility that is required. The project involves picking asparagus every day and selling and promoting at the DeWitt Farmer's Market. Members can use this project as an SAE as well.

Kirkwood Ag. Day: Is on Tuesday, May 15th at Kirkwood Community College. Noah Conard encouraged members to sign up as it is a very fun experience where students can tour the college, learn about classes offered, meet new people and receive free souvenirs. The bus will leave at 7:15 am from the ag. room. A sign-up is available on the ag. room bulletin board.

Plant Sales: Students in the horticulture class are currently growing plants that will be planted around downtown DeWitt and be sold to community members. Emma Sailor informed the chapter of the days that the

greenhouse will be open are May 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th.

Clinton County Farm Safety Day: Is on Friday, June first at the Clinton County Fairground from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our chapter partners with the Farm Bureau every year to help lead and create stations. Kailey Clark told members that our chapter is in charge of Minute to Win It games. Justin Costello moved to have Clinton County Farm Safety Day Committee, Spencer Paysen seconded the motion. A list of members who signed-up to help was recorded as well.

State Fair Usher Applications: Are due Tuesday, May 15th. State Fair Ushering is an opportunity for members to gain leadership skills, meet new people and be involved at the Iowa State Fair. Skylar Bloom told members that the application is available. If chosen, members will be required to stay for the entire Iowa State Fair and work the grandstands, gates and hand out programs. Members will need to have their own transportation but are provided a place to stay (in the dorms) and free meals throughout the entire fair. Ushers receive 90 dollars at the end of the fair as well.

Can Drive: Our FFA chapter hosts a can drive twice a year. We set out a livestock trailer in DeWitt and community members are able to drop off cans. Maddie Vinson announced that our chapter is in search of members to be in charge of the can drive project this year. The trailer needs to be parked at MJ's East the week before DeWitt City Wide Garage Sales start. Members interested must be able to or find a way to transport the trailer to and from DeWitt and Can City, in Maquoketa. A list of members able to help was recorded.

Flower Historical Center: Mrs. Grantz introduced a new community service and learning opportunity available for all members. It involves watering and taking care of flowers at the historical center in DeWitt once a week. A list of members interested was recorded.

Announcements:

Next Chapter Meeting: Is on Monday, May 14th. Activity at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

FFA Chapter Banquet: Is on Saturday, April 28th, starting at 6 pm in the CPAC. The banquet is the highlight of the entire year where members are recognized for all of their accomplishments! Members attending need to RSVP, wear official dress and bring a dessert to share.

SAE Spotlight: Congratulations to Andon Feeler for being this month's winner!

Closing Ceremonies: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by the Officer Team.

Entertainment, Recreation and or Refreshments: The activity was a game of kickball and the refreshments were Casey's pizza.