

August 15, 2016 – Alumni Organization Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Terry Dorr	Stacy Warner
Dave & Becky Miller	Amanda Miller
Michelle Wilson & Kaitlyn	Daryl Garness

Treasury Report by Stacy Warner = \$4,358.92 in checking and \$171.40 in savings. Terry Dorr made a motion to accept the Treasure Report as read and Daryl Garness seconded it. All approved.

Secretary Report by Becky Miller – Stacy Warner made a motion to approve this month’s Secretary Report as read and Daryl Garness seconded it. All approved.

Old Business

- Website updates – Going good. Leslie plans to have it up and running by September Meeting.
- Farm to table dinner – No discussion but is on-going.
- Alumni event documentation for all current events. What it takes to put on an event is on-going.
- FFA sign for entrance to city – Terry Dorr to follow-up on in the fall.
- Sponsor Signs have been found and back in the food trailer.
- Tractor Pull Updates – Have fee payment at the gate to end at 1:00 p.m. Make a BIG banner that mentions all proceeds will go toward agricultural related tuitions. Stacy Warner will see about getting this done. Update tractor pull rules for the fall pull. Maybe change the prizes for next year, chairs to maybe coolers. See about purchasing one more easy up canopy whenever on sale again.
- Thank you’s to sponsors for the Dairy Day Event – Becky Miller will work on these. Need to get signatures.
- Pulling Sled – monitor problems, sending in to fix for \$175.00, plus see about getting a newer seat.
- Health Center and Deerfield tractor show – had an awesome turn out. Plan on doing this annually every 2nd Sunday of August.

New Business

- September 20, 2016 – Foundation Annual Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Ready Randy’s
- Fri/Sat. September 23th & 24th – Heritage Day Tractor Pull. Friday night is set up and Saturday the tractor pull. Michelle Wilson is not able to help out at this event.
- October 8, 2016 – Fall Plow Day. Field North of Joe Kruschke.
- October 9, 2016 – Welcome Picnic 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Have Scholarship Form and SAE Grant Form all up to date and ready to be added to the Welcome Picnic Packet. NOTE: Due date on Scholarship, first Friday in February to be handed into Rachel Sauvola.

Rachel News - Update on the District Farm

Since our last meeting, we have met with an architect for a concept map. We are in the revision state right now. It has really brought the vision to life! We hope to have a final revision on the concept map during the week of Aug. 22nd.

Right now, no one has purchased the house that our Building Construction class built this past school year. With that available, we'll be remodeling it to be a classroom structure out on the farm with the goal of morphing that into the market place in the coming years. The BC class will work on that this year, in addition to reshingling the blue house out there and helping the construction crew build the beef barn come mid-winter. The beef barn is our first target for funding.

We are narrowing in on a name for this exciting project- something with sparkle and substance! The School Board will hear it at next Monday's meeting and then it can be shared...I know...suspense.

We are also almost to the finalizing of our donation structure. The school hopes that funds can go through the Foundation in a pass through account. Please let me know what I need to do for that as the vision is just as it was for the Grace Place rebuild. The donation structure I have chosen is different than the traditional gold, silver, bronze, etc. so I am hoping that can be revealed after Monday's School Board meeting too. You know me....I am an out of the box thinker and am hopeful that this will provide some "fun" in the donation arena.

I am headed out to the farm tomorrow afternoon with some student leaders to make our to do list. Then we will advertise community work days to help us prep things for the start of school. We will be able to use the blue house for warm water and restrooms, so our plan to house the babies there will move forward. We're presently looking for a commitment for our three baby bull calves that will hopefully be born the week of Labor Day so that they can join our family and be the first ones at the site. We're also presently looking for help with our 6.5 acres - a few loads of manure, some plowing and prepping, and then planting of our winter wheat before Sept. 20ish.

I have been networking with the CIP as fabulous fence builders and potential caretakers for the coming year when we won't have onsite folks. Last night I told our district farm story at the Kiwanis meeting and I was offered a manure spreader. This morning I woke up to owning my very own bee hive! You just never know what each day will bring as people get excited about this project! And we really haven't launched it fully yet!

The county fair was a very fun event as we celebrated the lease signing. Many connections were made including with a gentleman who is a Regional Manager of Accelerated Genetics who wants to make the farm a training station (which totally was on my list for the Advanced Animal Science curriculum) and those students who are interested can get a two year tech school FULL ride scholarship for beef or dairy science and a job upon completion. I also met a Regional Manager for a seed company who is willing to contribute our winter wheat seeds for planting. This project is sure to grow beyond NR and this is proof - Knapp, Glenwood City and more....

On Aug. 22, I am scheduled to meet with the Rotary.

Things are coming together! Please let me know how I can further help the Marketing Committee with the grain exchange program. Darian will have an update on the Hunger Destiny Driver as we've been working on that too.

Thank you to all who support the Agriscience students and me each and every day at each and every event! As always, if you'd like to volunteer, have something to donate or just need more information, don't hesitate to contact me at rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us or 715-243-1761.

Amanda Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Daryl Garness seconded it. p.m. Next scheduled organizational meeting is Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

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.

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