

April 18, 2016 – Alumni Organization Meeting

Secretarial Minutes taken by Becky Miller

FFA Family, Friends & Alumni Attendance:

Rachel Sauvola	Leslie Svacina
Terry Dorr	Stacy Warner
Dave & Becky Miller	Michelle Wilson
Charlie & Anna Strabel	Krissy Cook & Linda Cook

Treasury Report by Stacy Warner = \$2,073.32 in checking and \$171.40 in savings. Charlie Strabel made a motion to accept the Treasure Report as read and Leslie Svacina seconded it. All attending were in favor.

Secretary Report by Becky Miller – Correction to last month’s March 14th minutes with Dave Miller making the motion to approve the March 14, 2016 Secretary Report. Stacy Warner made a motion to approve this month’s Secretary Report as read and Leslie Svacina seconded it. All approved.

Old Business

- Website updates – Michelle/Leslie discussed the “new” updates.....Excellent presentation.
- Thank You’s – Terry Dorr – on going.
- Farm to table dinner – On-going.
- New Farm Information – Rachel waiting for next meeting for what’s next.
- June 25th & 26th, 2016 – Rimoe Ranch Alumni Food Booth Event. Michelle Wilson is available to help with this.
- April 10, 2016 FFA Banquet – silent auction was good and excellent attendance.
- FFA sign for entrance to city – Terry Dorr to follow-up on in the fall.

New Business

- June 4th Dairy Day Committee meeting April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss breakfast, events, etc...
- July 9, 2016 – Fun Fest Tractor Pull Event.

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Advisor Notes - Rachel Sauvola, Advisor

Since March 14th’s Family, Friends and Alumni meeting, the Agriscience students and I have been involved in the following things:

4K Petting Zoos- Small Animal Science students orchestrated these events, for with three more on the books for March and April. Both sets of students are thoroughly enjoying their time together with story time and visiting about the animals. First Lutheran, Bear Buddies, Hansen’s Learning Center, and the Centre have been here in the last month. Thanks to Dave Crosby and Suann Dehne for helping during each program with supervision and pictures.

Healthy Hatfield Habitat Project - Leaders presented to the Parks Board and received the go ahead to advance the project. Advanced Fish and Wildlife students are continuing to gather information and resources. We will be contacting Star Prairie Fish and Game to work on getting our bird, bat and butterfly houses built soon.

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

Geranium Planting - All district fourth graders visited the department on April 7 and 8th to get their geraniums planted as a surprise for their mom on Mother's Day. All classes assisted in teaching the elementary schoolers about how plants grow, their needs throughout the process and how they can care for their new plant long term. Students also toured the department and had a petting zoo.

Chicks in the Incubator - Coloring Lab - Students in Small Animal Science, as well as Vet Science injected our incubator eggs with food coloring for identification purposes. Prior to the lab, students learned all about how eggs are made in a hen's body, identified parts of the egg, candled the eggs and then proceeded to bore through the shell to get the food dye into the chick part of the egg. It was fun to watch the students begin to understand how hard an egg really is, the porosity of the egg and use a needle and syringe for the first time as they administered the "shot" of dye. We know were successful as our first blue baby chick hatched today!

Empty Bowls - Bake Sale and Event - A crew of agriscience students worked really hard to produce some fantastic bake sale items for Empty Bowls. All baked goods sold, so that was fantastic! We did a presentation related to the tote bag project and how the idea evolved. Steve Massey and Aaron Halle from Westfields were at the event to show their support of our project. Donations are still coming in to help fight hunger in the community. If you missed EB, but still want to participate, the bowls, bags, necklaces, and more are still set out at the Community Commons for you to purchase. Check it out! For every \$1 donated, \$7 of food can be purchased for the hungry!

WITC - Opportunities to partner - For seventeen years I have been wanting to partner more with WITC. The time has finally come! I am partnering with Dr. Jeff Johnson, a Rice Lake campus Dairy Herd Management Instructor, to teach some small animals and veterinary materials. We're also deep in discussion about certifications in sustainable agriculture - vegetable and livestock systems as we move forward with the school farm concept.

Easter Lily Wrap-Up - All plants were sold and/or delivered for Random Acts of Kindness. Thanks to all who supported our sale.

Petting Zoo at Centre - Thanks to Michelle Wilson and the students who went to the Centre to provide animals for the Easter Eggstravaganza on March 19th.

Breakfast at Farm and Home - Thanks to Terry Dorr, Dave Miller, Steph Holte, EJ Schauer and Shawnee Holte who helped with the event when Mrs. Sauvola was out of town.

National Science Teachers' Association Presentations - Mrs. Sauvola was chosen to present in Nashville on photosynthesis.

Banquet - Thank you for all who came and helped make the event a success.

Hatfield Landscaping - Students are helping the NR Parks Department with the pruning at the Hatfield trails flower beds. This is an annual event for us.

Thank you to Bernards for the donation of the book called The Farmer in All of Us - An American Portrait. It's a beautiful National Geographic picture book.

Finally and most notably:

Enrollment Numbers - I have 398 course requests and need some additional teaching staff or will need to cut students from the program. Presently, we are investigating an intern for the fall semester. I will keep you updated as the process unfolds.

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.

Next scheduled organizational meeting on May 16, 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.

Sat. June 4th - Dairy Days.

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

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

Sat. Oct. 8th (Tentatively) or Sat. Oct. 15th – Fall Plow Day.