



DeWitt Central FFA

Meeting Minutes: March

The March monthly meeting was held in the Ag room. The meeting was called to order by Spencer Paysen at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Megan Clark and approved. Megan Clark moved to approve them and Carson Deppe seconded the motion.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: This month we had a total of 3 total expenses and 3 outstanding purchase orders. The expenses were \$1,500 to the Iowa FFA Foundation for sharing with pride 3 year installment, \$250 to Jenna Stevens for the Cub Cadet Lawn Mower, and \$834.05 to Beautiful Land Projects for 30 bags of soil and 50 hanging baskets. The 3 Outstanding P.O.s was \$2,000 for greenhouse flowers, \$17.37 for cosmo and zinnia seeds, and \$384.65 for 7 bags of upright ear bulbs for city planters. That brings us to a total of \$49,743.85! It was moved to approve the treasurer's report by Cheyenne Youmans and seconded by Heather Cernek.

Reporter's Report: In the month of January into February two articles were submitted to The Observer over Legislative Symposium and John Deere Career Night. Articles are planned for the Agriculture Career Summit, Sub-Districts and FFA Week. The winter newsletter is starting to be constructed. If you would like to apply for SAE Spotlight the application is on the chapter website and if you have any questions contact Mrs. Grantz or Heather Cernek. The new SAE Spotlight for February is Heather Cernek with her agriculture communications SAE. Over 55 Social media posts were made across our platforms, updating our followers about our chapter and promoting agriculture education. It was moved to approve the reporter's report and seconded by Megan Clark.

Special Features: Brandon Frank from the Feed and Grain Store came and

talked about what he does. He said they service a large part of Iowa and do many tons of feed everyday. They do a lot of hog feed and some cattle feed. He said to work at the feed store you need to have a self hard-working ethic. He said that to get a job there you should have a ACDL or be willing to drive a truck or do odds and ends that the store needs. You don't have to have a specific degree to work there. It's a good job to have while you're working towards your degree. You don't need to have any prior experience, you just have to be willing to learn and adapt.

Unfinished Business:

AKC Dog Show: Kim Hendricks said that the AKC Dog Show is March 21st and 22nd. We will need about 15-20 people to work each day and they will be responsible for calling out numbers and being stewards. There will be 2 training sessions to prepare before the dog show, these are required to younger members who haven't helped before and are very encouraged to older members too. The dates for those will be coming soon and there is a sign up on the board. It's a very good community service activity and it's a fun time to see the exhibitors and dogs!

Applications: Kaitlyn Burken said that chapter officer applications are due March 18th. These are only available to 9-11th graders. Degrees are due April 3rd. There are Discovery (eighth graders), Greenhand (first-year members), and Chapter degrees that are available to apply for. You need to hold all of these in order to receive your State and American Degree (aside from discovery). The application was sent out in a previous email from Mrs. Grantz. Proficiency Award applications awards are due March 20th. These are to highlight your SAE and you would be recognized at the banquet if you won the award.

Toy Show: Cheyeanne Youmans said that the alumni is hosting the Toy Show this Saturday, March 14th at 9 AM to 2 PM. If you aren't attending districts you are encouraged to go help the alumni because they appreciate the help and they always do a lot for us so this is a nice return gesture.

District Convention: Heather Cernek said that districts are this Saturday. We will be meeting at 7 AM in the Ag room and leaving. It is not too late to sign up to take a test. It is an official dress event. If you are taking a test, prepare

for it and bring a pencil. It will be a fun time!

Banquet: Cheyenne Youmans said that banquet is April 18th at 6 PM. This is an official dress event. We will recognize many members for all of their achievements throughout the year and it is a great experience. Also a reminder to please fill out the Superlative form that was sent out by Mrs. Grantz so we can recognize individuals at banquet.

State Convention: Megan Clark said that State Convention this year is April 19th-21st. There are members going to receive Iowa Degrees, Courtesy Corps, Star Awards, and to hopefully participate in their CDE's! It will be a very fun time and there will be more information to come at the April meeting.

Silo Screening: Mrs. Grantz said that last meeting we discussed the Silo Screening. It will be April 7th at 7 PM. We want to involve the community, alumni, and chapter. It is a 70-minute movie and our goal is to educate people. We will possibly have a panel of professionals to talk about it afterwards. There will be concessions from the alumni during it. We have to plan things before the event. She asked for any ideas we have about educating them about safety. There is a trailer on Youtube if you're interested in helping. There is also a committee that was formed and please email an officer or Mrs. Grantz to be a part of it.

County/State Fair: Spencer Paysen said that livestock, grains, and photos sign ups are due May 1st. Steve Deidrich is a great resource for looking for crops to exhibit. If you are looking for people to come clip crops with you there are always plenty. If you need a ride or help, just ask a member or Mrs. Grantz. Mrs. Grantz said that this year for livestock at the county fair you have to log in information to an Excel spreadsheet. It's a very easy spreadsheet to use. There is a YQCA training which will be an hour long that she will host. The date will be coming sometime in May.

FFA Banners: Heather Cernek said that at the last meeting we talked about making banners about awards the chapter has won. She designed a few examples of what they could look like and members talked about what they liked about them. Kailey moved to do the design 5 banner with the yellow words and the layered emblem, Noah Conard seconded the motion. It was then voted on and approved.

Committee Reports:

Promotions: Heather Cernek said that the promotions committee have been working on the website, scrapbook, social media, and different newspaper articles. We meet every other Monday during quest and anyone is welcome to join.

Crops Committee: Lucas Bratthaur said that we will be having a meeting in the Ag room at 7:30 AM this Wednesday. There will be breakfast pizza and anyone is welcome to join.

Monday Motor Madness: Spencer Paysen said that they have finished sanding and are ready to paint. The members have all been working very hard and thanks to them! They hold meetings every Monday after school.

Ag Education Trailer: Megan Clark said that the trailer is here and the committee is working on wiring and collecting information. We have contacted a company/source for information and look forward with moving on with the trailer. There will be a meeting this Thursday during Quest and if anyone would like to join they are welcome to, just contact Megan or Mrs. Grantz.

Community Service Committee: Kaitlyn Burken said the Community Service Committee has met once so far and we came up with planting trees and doing landscaping at the school. There are also highways that we could adopt. Another one we thought of doing is collecting school supplies at the end of the year. After students clean out lockers and use them at the beginning of the next school year. We are still deciding which ones to do. We discussed all of them and decided to do the Adopt a Highway and collecting school supplies. It was moved by Noah Conard to do so and Megan Clark seconded the motion. It was then voted on and approved.

New Business:

Club Fair: Heather Cernek said that the Club Fair is an event that the High School puts on to promote the clubs in our school. We need members to work the booth, explain Ag ed and FFA, and encourage them to join. It's 10:30-1 PM on May 1st and many are welcome. There were members who

volunteered and there is a sign up to come.

Garage Sale: Kaitlyn Burken said that we will be participating in the city-wide garage sale. Any members can bring in what they can sell and the proceeds will go to the chapter. We will also be promoting the plant sale at this time and children will be able to plant a flower if they'd like. There will be a sign up on the board if we are interested in helping with it. It can be anything that you would typically buy at a garage sale. The things that don't get sold will be donated to the referral center or another place. Drop items off in the shop. It was moved to do the garage and plant sale by Kailey Clark. It was seconded by Emma Sailor. It was moved and approved. Heather Cernek moved to refer the garage sale to a committee and it was seconded by Megan Clark. It was moved and approved.

Can Drive: Megan Clark said that the can trailer is a fundraiser that our chapter does in the Fall and Spring. We have usually had older members who have a truck drive the trailer to Can City but we need more underclassmen to step up and help out with this. Some members volunteered and they can also use this as an SAE project.

Farmers Market: Mrs. Grantz said that you can sell anything you produce under the Chapter. We buy the pass, just let Mrs. Grantz know if you have any questions about it. It will be starting May 14th. You can sell baked goods, vegetables, crafts, etc. It's a great marketing experience.

Clinton County Farm Safety Day: Megan Clark said that we are in need of members to help with the Clinton County Farm Safety Day this year to play Minute to Win it games with the kids before the event starts. Anyone is welcome to help and it's a very fun event to be a part of. More information about this is to come so be on the lookout.

Asparagus: Cheyeanne Youmans said that asparagus season is coming soon. You will need to pick once to twice a day, everyday if you are helping. You can do it as an SAE project and will be paid for picking. Many hands make light work so the more people who are willing to help out, the better.

WLC: Spencer Paysen said that WLC is June 15th-21st and it's a great

opportunity and there have been many members from our chapter who have gone in the past. You get to look at the monuments, meet new people, and get new leadership opportunities. There will be more details for anyone who is interested. Let Mrs. Grantz know ASAP if you are planning on attending so she can register you.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: April 13th, at 7 PM in the Ag room.

Liqui Grow contacted Spencer about looking for members to power wash trucks for them. They are flexible with schedules and if you want more information, contact Spencer.

The Welton Fire Department contacted the chapter about helping with the omelet breakfast. Members could work shifts and this is a great community service activity.

The mayor is interested in helping a member start up a bee business. He would be willing to help and fund you. Let Mrs. Grantz know if you are interested in doing this. This would be a great SAE and there are many opportunities available.

The FFA Chapter will be hosting an FFA Pig show. We are looking at May 31st to host it at the fairgrounds. It would be a new fundraiser for our chapter to do. We could do concessions as well. It was moved to do it by Kaitlyn Burken to host the pig show and was seconded by Megan Clark. Kailey Clark moved to form a committee and was seconded by Megan Clark. There will be more information about the committee coming soon.

Closing Ceremonies: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM by the officer team.

Entertainment, Recreation and or Refreshments: Members enjoyed chips and water and a game of volleyball before the meeting.

