

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2024

The board of directors meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The Secretary's report is posted on our website. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report.

Lori Zemaitis made the motion to request a loan from our Edward Jones account form \$13,000 now and withdraw the rest for the show at that time, seconded by Perry McLemore and passed.

Old Business: There will be a workday on Saturday, we will be splitting wood and repairing the hose on the planter. There will be an audit of our books in April. Discussion was held regarding a raffle tractor. Castognia's has 3 mowers all with a 42-inch deck, for a basic model \$3499; a heavy-duty model is \$3159 and a zero turn for \$3399 after discounts are applied. Eric Zurbruggen has priced a couple of petting zoos; he has a quote from one that is \$1500 for 5 hours a day for 3 days. He also priced another one for \$600 for 3 days and would be willing to discount the price for free camping, he will ask them for a written quote. He also talked to Jack and Debbie Rogers, they are thinking about retiring and they will get back to us after Friday. They also said they didn't get the \$150 we agreed to pay them last year. Lori Zemaitis will send that out tomorrow. There will be a show planning meeting 2 weeks from tonight. Dave Fritz reported that McCullough will provide us with a Cub Cadet for a raffle tractor for \$2804. John Berens made a motion to get the zero turn from Castognia's and increase to 500 tickets. No second, motion dropped. Jerry McGarr made a motion to table until next meeting and he then rescinded his motion. Ira Biggs made a motion to get the zero-turn mower from Castognia's for \$3399, seconded by Ann Marie Bouton and passed. Ira Biggs made the motion to get 650 tickets, seconded by Pam Heick and passed. We were reminded that we will all need to presell tickets. June 8 is the LaPorte Car Show from 3-6pm at the La Porte Fairgrounds and we can sell tickets there. Bill Wiater said he has contacted Chris Orange about Sheep Shearing Days at Buckley Homestead Days, and he hasn't gotten back to him yet. We still need to get some ads for the sponsorship booklet, there are 3-4 new sponsors this year. Discussion was held regarding the Lions Shelter and the Winimac Old Car Club and the Model A car club. It was suggested that they be moved to the 4H annex rather than the 4H building. It was decided to table it until the show planning meeting in 2 weeks. Pam Heick reported on the t shirts, the estimate from Wise Guys includes 83 shirts of youth and black shirts preprinted for \$857.35 They will print the red and gray shirts on site. Only the shirts that are ordered in red and gray will be charged as only what is ordered, keeping our inventory down. It will be brought up to the show meeting.

New Business: Dave Fritz said that he has a wood hand crank sheller and a hog scale that was donated to the club. All Advisors should be working on their show areas. Perry McLemore discussed bingo this spring. It will be done by J & J Productions; they will provide all the equipment and we will need to provide the bingo permits. Perry McLemore made a motion to set up a bingo game in April or May either at the 4H building at the fairgrounds or American Legion, contacting each of them for dates. Seconded by Lori Zemaitis and passed. Our next show planning meeting will be on March 25, 7pm at the 4H building. Dale Crawley asked about the sound system. He has some new equipment and wants to make sure it's compatible with what is there now. Dave Fritz will check with the Fairboard about it. He is looking into some of the other speakers that are in the fairgrounds. We need to update our asset list for taxes. Kregel's Farm Stand is having an auction of all their equipment. Trifolds are in and available and the calendars are for sale. Motion to adjourn was made by Ira Biggs and seconded by John Berens and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary