

# ***Lodi FFA Alumni Meeting Minutes - February 2020***

The February meeting was called to order by President Rachel Wipperfurth on Wednesday February 12, in the Lodi High School Ag Classroom at 7:04pm.

The Secretary's report from the December meeting was read and approved. (Motion by Julie McKiernan, seconded by John Haag). The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Bank balances were reported at \$3,094.55 for checking and \$22,980.00 for savings. (Motion by Bill Holler, seconded by Heidi Endres).

Mr. Anderson gave the Student Chapter Report. Students recently completed Leadership Development Events, with participants in Prepared Speaking, Creed Speaking, Employment Skills and a team for Parliamentary Procedure. Bill Holler motioned to give a new FFA jacket, or the equivalent value of \$55 if the student has a jacket, to the top placing Lodi participant in the Creed speaking contest. This had been tradition in the past. Motion was seconded by Jim Fanta and approved. A check will be written for \$55 made out to Paige Sweatt, freshman. In addition, Mr. Anderson reported that the FFA received a \$5000 grant from NutrienAg Solutions to go towards purchases in the new greenhouse.

Liz Gade-Schara, local business owner of 'Recycled Rust', presented the group asking to be able to use the green space at the Lodi fairgrounds for a flea market on Saturday August 8. Craft booths would be located in the area where the midway is held during the fair. Approximate timing for the event would be 8am-4pm, with set-up the Friday night after 5pm. Discussion included questions about parking and traffic flow, event insurance, number of vendors participating, potential for construction on Fair St., percentage of proceeds payable to the FFA Alumni (10%), fee for use of porta potty/dumpsters and clean-up. It was suggested that the FFA Alumni provide a food stand for the event, with proceeds being for the FFA. It was determined that more information needs to be gathered and discussion take place before a decision can be made and the issue was tabled for next month.

## **Old Business**

- A. **Holiday Party Recap:** Volunteers and members gathered at the Dorf Haus in Roxbury, Wis., for the annual Holiday Party last January 24. This year, we recognized two outstanding sponsors - Howard Hartmann, Hartmann Farms, and Jim Koch, as well as two outstanding volunteers, Jackson Jones, Q106 Radio and Julie McKiernan. We also brought back the Euchre Tournament. Congrats to the winners: 1st place Glen Wipperfurth, 2nd place Kortney Koch, and 3rd place Kyle Koch.
- B. **Spring Consignment Auction:** A motion as made by Heidi Endres and seconded by John Haag to hold the auction at Kalscheur's Implement in Cross Plains, Wis. Motion passed. The auction will be on Sunday May 3, at either 9 or 9:30am.

Further discussion on the event included having members available to oversee entries at Kalscheur's in the days prior to the event, the potential for working with Wisconsin Heights alumni to help out, putting together a flyer for the event, and making a strict list of items not allowed and the cost to the Lodi Alumni to hold at Kalscheur's. It was determined that Kalscheur's will not be asked to pay a commission for the items they sell in the auction. John Haag and Rachel Wipperfurth will be co-chairs of the Auction Committee. Meeting date will be set out via email to the entire group following tonight's meeting.

#### New Business

- A. Alumni Convention Summary: Bill Holler attended and it was a good event. Alumni groups are no longer to use the 'shield' logo, instead the 'owl and plow' logo provided by the National FFA Alumni organization.
- B. 2020 Scholarship applications are due to Heidi Endres by April 1.
- C. 2020 Fundraising/Sponsors - Julie McKiernan shared a draft letter and info to send out to potential sponsors. A list of sponsors will be reviewed at the next meeting. A motion was made and approved to hold a silent auction at the fairgrounds for both the Tractor Pull and Demo Derby.
- D. Sub-committees: Kick-off meeting dates, as well as chair names and committee details will be sent to the entire group following this meeting. Committees include By-Laws, Food, Demo Derby, Communications, Education, Tractor Pull and Consignment Auction.
- E. Greenhouse Ribbon cutting/public open house event planning: tentative dates for this event are May 7 or May 9. Julie McKiernan will check with the school board and Annie Klahn will check with the Lodi Chamber of Commerce to ask about available dates.
- F. Next Meeting: Greenhouse Tour!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Total Attendance = 15, including guest presenter

Jim Fanta  
Lynn Deans  
Sandy Koch  
John Haag  
Julie McKiernan  
Sarah Shimshack  
Connor Anderson  
Rachel Karls  
Carrie Williams  
Liz Gade-Schara, guest  
Heidi Endres  
Rachel Wipperfurth

Glen Wipperfurth  
Bill Holler  
Annie Klahn