

## South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Advisors meeting October 26, 2020

The October board of advisors meeting was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The minutes were not read out loud, but several copies were made and passed around. Kim Peterson read the Treasurer's report with a beginning balance of \$26,123.72 Income \$62.06 and Expenses were \$2102.15, ending balance was \$24,083.63. Jerry McGarr motioned for approval and Gloria Miller seconded it and it was passed. Dan Klein read the secretary report and motioned to pass the report and Irene Doty seconded and it as passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of \$6206 was made by Dan Klein, seconded by Irene Doty and passed.

Old Business: Bill Wiater said he spoke with Doug Hoffman and he will harvest our beans, and, on the workday, we ran the edger and made some corn shocks and we also have corn ready for shelling. There were 22 people helping and he thanked everyone for coming out. We have all the end rows done. Ann Marie Wicik made a motion to cancel the Christmas party, Dave Klein seconded, and it was passed. Julie Fritz asked if a letter should go out to everyone about cancelling the party, it was decided it wasn't necessary and if they called for tickets we could let them know, we only had about 15 tickets sold and that money will be refunded. Kim Peterson sent an email to our insurance asking about our refund of \$700 due to not having a show this year since we still have not received it. Discussion was held about making and selling calendars this year, since we didn't have a show this year due to COVID-19, don't have pictures and we sell most of them at the Christmas party. Irene Doty made the motion to have no calendars for 2021, seconded by Ira Biggs and passed.

New business: Dan Klein went over all the openings and said we need people to fill these spots to ask friends. Herman Monix said he can work at the Information booth this year selling tickets for the pork chop dinner and sponsorship raffle. Sandy Stropky asked about security, Julie Fritz said she would help her because day security was a County Police officer, and we need someone for the night watch. Budgets need to be in by the January 25 board meeting. Bill Wiater said we need a crop committee, and he would like to have Kyle Moldon on it and if there is anyone else interested just let him know. There is a piece of our property just west of the building if anyone would like to plant and work a little section of that land. It would be totally your responsibility to take care of it, you could plant what ever you wanted and harvest it when ready. Someone needs to learn and know the accounting program that we use. Kim Peterson said we do have a back up and that Jim Burk showed her once and the membership also needs to be taught to someone else. Julie Fritz suggested QuickBooks. She has a friend that works with Quick books and the cloud-based system would cost us about \$22 a month. Or we could buy the program for \$600 and you could have up to 5 users. Julie said that her friend would teach Kim Peterson and

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Sandy Strader how to use it. She will investigate it further. We are looking for a finance committee. Kim Peterson, Sandy Strader, Jerry McGarr and Bill Wiater are on it as for right now. We will be meeting with Mike Dexter.

There was a discussion held about membership and why it goes from July 31 to August 1. Jerry McGarr said most of the members we only see at show time or at the Christmas party. Dan Klein inquired about why it was not January to December stating that it would be easier to audit. Sandy Stropky made the motion to have the membership run from January 1 to December 31. Kim Peterson seconded the motion and passed. There was more discussion, there was a hand vote with 8 in favor of changing it and 3 opposed. It will be brought up to the general membership meeting. We will be putting LED lighting in the buildings, Menards has them for \$11, we need to be able to see in the buildings.

Crown Point sent us a letter asking for a donation for a sponsorship for making safety pamphlets. Julie Fritz made the motion not to donate, seconded by Irene Doty and passed with 1 opposed.

Meeting was adjourned by Bill Wiater and seconded by Sandy Strader and passed.