

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting 10-9-2023

The Board of Directors Meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. We had a moment of silence for members Tom Callahan and Brad Taylor. The Secretary's report is available on the website.

Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report:

Old Business: Bill Wiater reminded everyone that even though the board votes on the issues, we rely on the membership and wants your comments and input during the meeting. We welcome everyone's opinions.

The Christmas party will be on December 2 at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. Please bring a dozen cookies and a wrapped gift per person. We will be setting it up on Friday evening if anyone would like to help. Catering will be through Scrementis in Steger. The cost will be \$11.50 per person for 2 meats and 3 sides. After discussion, the menu will be sausage and peppers, chicken Romano, salad, California blend vegetables, roasted potatoes, and will add a pan of mostaccioli. Crops: the corn is not ready yet, but Zurbriggens will probably harvest the beans tomorrow. A call tree was discussed on how to contact some of the people that would help for things but aren't on our Facebook page. Perry McLemore will send information about the call tree they use. Buckley Homestead days went well, we made \$1290 in pies, and \$144 in pumpkins. It was a nice weekend, and the people mover ran all weekend and was full. Ray Mattox asked about doing the kiddie tractor pull there next year, and it will be brought up when planning for Buckley next year, but they would like us to do that. NIHPA went well, another nice weekend. They raised the price at the gate and had a little pushback but not a lot. The people mover ran all weekend there as well. There will be a workday on October 21, followed by our Octoberfest picnic, bring a dish to pass, there will be bingo. Jim Burk will get 75 pieces of chicken. We were informed that we need to have Insurance for all 3 people movers. Discussion was held regarding this. Jerry Heick said he ran the old people mover for the Exceptional Equestrians and would like to donate it to them. Discussion was held regarding donating it, selling them, selling them to a member and let them take the steps and seats out and resell it back to us, decommission it and change it to a wagon for our corn stalks or taking it to the auction. Julie Fritz will question the insurance again about sales and decommissions. We received a bill from Mt Vernon insurance for \$698 for officers and directors' insurance, the motion to pay it was made by John Berens and seconded by Eric Zurbruggen and passed.

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New Business: The Fairgrounds has asked if we can bring the people mover to the Hocus Pocus market on October 27 from 5-10pm. Dave Fritz said he would do it, and Lori Zemaitis said she would ride. The YMCA has asked about bringing the people mover to their October event on October 28 from 10-2. Dave Fritz has been in contact with them, the route is decided, and the

trees are trimmed. They will be donating \$500 for it. Bill Wiater spoke with Kelly Dykstra about moving the Farmers Market into the Feature tractor building during our next show, she is in favor of it, they liked that building the best so far. Lori Zemaitis handed out our Profit and Loss explanation. The Show made a profit of \$9,356.67. Everyone should look at it on their own time as well and see if we can't come up with ways to cut our expenses. Perhaps bartering for an ad in the show booklet. We will have a meeting on January 8, 2024, for pricing and money management. Budgets should be in by the January board meeting. We need to look at board responsibilities again before the next meeting to add Perry McLemore as a board member. Anyone that has major club expenditures coming up should be bringing that up as well. Julie Fritz read thank you letters from the Lowell School System for our donation to the FFA and from the Lowell Parade Committee. Only directors should have keys to the building and there are some that don't have them. We need to find them. Irene Doty made the motion to order 250 Christmas Party tickets, seconded by Ann Marie Wicik. Ann Marie Wicik made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by John Berens and passed at 8:45pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary