

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

General Membership meeting 6-14-2021

The general membership meeting of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. The secretary's report is posted on the website. Kim Peterson read the treasurer's report with a beginning balance of \$11,476.20 Income \$460.00 Expenses \$2157.53 Leaving a balance on hand of \$9778.67. Our gaming account has a beginning balance of \$1493.03, Expenses \$165.00 leaving a balance on hand of \$1328.03. Our savings balance is \$5146.21 A motion to approve the treasurer's report as read was made by Jerry Heick and seconded by Jerry McGarr and passed. The motion to pay the outstanding bills of \$2323.32 was made by Jerry McGarr and seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. A motion to pay the \$\$282.55 from the gaming account was made by Jerry McGarr and seconded by Ann Marie Wicik and passed.

New business: Discussion was held regarding the quote we got for the lights at the building. They will remove, replace all the fixtures and lights inside and outside both of our buildings including all unfinished lights. Our total cost after the \$3507.50 rebates and \$701.50 added rebates will be \$1968.00. We can pay for it after the work is done. Dave Kleine made the motion to go forward with this, seconded by Dave Fritz and passed. They will do the work on Thursday and Friday July 7 and 8 when the equipment is out of the building for the show. Thank you for everyone for coming out to the Culvers Mini show and thank you to Perry McLemore for the awning, there were 4 NIHPA members that brought tractors as well. We received \$405 from the fundraiser and \$75 from the donation pail on the counter, for a total of \$480.05. We need to turn in the listing for the Crown Point 4th of July parade, discussion was held regarding handing out freeze pops again this year. Ann Marie made the motion to not hand out freeze pops, seconded by Kim Peterson and passed. It was decided not to hand anything out. Dave Kleine said the corn and beans have been planted and the wheat looks good and will be ready to harvest by the end of the month. All the plots are planted except for Perry McLemore, there is also a sprinkler and hose set up out there for the plots. Sean Dixon reported that there are still 25-30 signs that still need to be set up and some signs are unaccounted for. Bill and Sean will be at the buildings on Wednesday night at 6pm to pick up the signs and yard signs, they need to go up this week. Discussion was held regarding the show logo and its use. Kelly Miller said we should have a show committee rather than an advisory board but made a motion to table both the logo discussion and advisory board until after the show, seconded by Perry McLemore. Julie Fritz reported on our Facebook statistics and said we were targeting women and children and that we added a pay pal button to our website for tickets. Dave Fritz reported on the Fair board meeting and said that if anyone has any requests for them to go through him for any other requests. If you have any requests for the electrician to go

through Dave Fritz as well. There will be workdays every Saturday at 9am until after the show. There is work to be done on the equipment to get it ready. Kyle Molden is working on the ignition switch on the 460. Julie Fritz reported about the not-for-profit spotlight that will run in the Times on June 30. The Town Planner forgot to add us to their website and when they were called about it, they will run a Facebook ad specific to us the first week of July.

New business: Jerry McGarr introduced the Regional Streeter Car Club that attended our meeting. They will be having a car show on July 31 at the Gary Sportsman's club and invited us to bring tractors to it. They will attend our show on Friday night with a cruise in and park in the arena with the bag's tournament and band and on Saturday, they will line up along the buildings on the south end of our half of the fairgrounds. Donna Kollak reported on the food vendors, one of the vendors pulled out due to a medical issue, would like 4-6 food trucks full time. Kelly Dykstra asked about pony rides, Ann Marie reported that they saw them at the market last week and it looked nice. It was suggested that we talk to Kelly about where they would be located at the Fairgrounds. Dan Klein made a motion that we do not send a donation to the commissioners for the fairgrounds and wait and talk about Wi-Fi after the show, seconded by Kelly Miller and passed. Dan Klein made a motion to pay the fair board bill of \$500 after the show, seconded by Lori Zemaitis and passed. Discussion was held regarding the placement of Culvers at the show, she will be by the pie booth and Bill Wiater will check on their requirements of electricity. The board of Health cottage law was discussed regarding the pie booth, Julie will ask if produce needs to be edible only produce or could it be gourds or wheat. Perry McLemore made a motion to purchase a box of BF Sawmill teeth at 100 teeth for \$174. Seconded by Tim Kirby and passed. Julie Fritz said she spoke with the Fire Marshall, and they will be there to inspect on Friday morning. Tim Kirby asked if the Marine Corp League can set up a tent for information, it was decided they could be under the pony barn awning. There is a car show for the NWI Trans Am Club on Father's Day to raise money for Exceptional Equines, there is a \$20 entry fee and will run from 9am to 3pm at the Gary Sportsman Club. They will be putting up the fence on Wednesday July 7 at 5pm. Dave Klein will bring a tractor for the people mover. We will need safety chains on the people mover wagons and someone to ride in the wagon for safety. Dan Klein made a motion to pay our night watch person \$100 per night and a free membership, seconded by Lori Zemaitis and passed. Brian Perez will be doing day security. Perry McLemore needs to order any other banners that we will need. The military group will do the open ceremonies each day and flag raising. Kyle Molden made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Sandy Stropky and passed.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz Secretary