

KIEL FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS MEETING-March 31, 2025

PRESENT: Abigail Winkel, Ross Westphalen, Sam Lensmire, Emmy Newberg, David Mueller, Ross Bender, Scott Schweitzer Mike Joas and Jon Braun, Nicole Wallander via Google Meets

ABSENT: Zach Lensmire

President Abigail Winkel called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

CONSENT AGENDA: The Secretary report was emailed out prior to the meeting. Sam reported no updates in the treasurer's report from last month. Ross B. made a motion and seconded by Scott to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried. No FFA Officer report. Emmy gave the Advisor's report that 6 CDE teams competed, the Dairy Foods CDE team will be moving onto the State competition on April 25. On May 13, K4 students will be attending an activity at the high school that will include an introduction to farm animals, activity planning continues for the event. 5 students completed proficiencies and were awarded either silver or bronze. Bronze award winners include Danica Neuhaus, Adalyn Schuricht and Lily Schipper and Silver award winners include Presley Wilkins and Trinity Barts. Adopt-A-Highway is scheduled for April 26. Officer interviews were held earlier today, with 4 students applying for officer positions. May 20 is the FFA award banquet, social with appetizers starting at 5:30 and award ceremony starting at 6pm. The trap shooting team was approved by the school board, the team will not start until spring of 2026 due to registration being due 3/1. Emmy is planning a fundraiser shoot in fall to help offset the cost of expenses for athletes. The next chapter meeting is scheduled for April 28, but the local chapter meeting will be rescheduled due to the fact that Emmy is not available, but she would be available later on via Google Meets if alumni does keep that meeting date. The 2 students that applied to attend WLC are able to get a place on the bus to Washington DC, but per school policy the female students will need a chaperone from Kiel, which is possibly an issue due to no chaperone slots currently available. Kiel is the 1st school on the list to get a chaperone slot if one opens on the bus. Emmy continues to look at other options. Discussed that Alumni may pick up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost of the trip for attendees. Chaperone will have no cost to attend WLC. Maternity Leave discussion continued due to Emmy being on maternity leave this summer and into the start of the school year. Jon is planning on attending the State FFA Convention, which will be held on June 9-12, but a back-up chaperone may be needed due to the fact that the convention conflicts with Boys State Golf as Jon is the Golf coach and he would need to attend State Golf. Policy regarding chaperones is going to be looked at, due to not sure if the chaperone needs to be "employed" by Kiel School. Kiel picnic also was discussed and again more clarification is needed if a staff

member is needed, as Emmy was looking for a co-chair for picnic, discussion to continue.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

SECTION 9 UPDATES: Nicole W. reported on the spring meeting that is being held at Kewaunee High School, no cost to meal as Kewaunee FFA Alumni is covering expenses. Email was sent with information.

FUNDRAISERS: No updates, discussion to continue.

SOCIALS: Scott will look into the availability of a bowling alley for April 26, as it was discussed to hold it the same day as the Adopt-A-Highway event. Adopt-A-Highway would be in the morning and bowling in the afternoon. It was also brought up to hold a cookie decorating event, which it was decided to hold in December to coincide with the adopt a family activity and donate cookies to family. It was also discussed to ask Becky Meyer to help with the event, event discussion will be done at the September meeting.

CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS: It was decided to not continue the newsletter as no real interest has been received from alumni members. It was discussed to put together reminders and email out to roster members. Due to dates needing to be set for reminders, it was decided to set September 20 as the Mum/Brat Fry date.

WTA CORN MAZE CONTEST: Abigail brought up a corn maze contest for a cut-out that is being held. It was discussed that cut-out would need to be done by April/May, including designing and being made, which may not be able to be done this year. Discussed to have students design and make for next year's contest. It was also discussed to make a cut-out for the Farm Wisconsin corn maze.

Other: David stated that there were no applicants for the FFA Alumni scholarship, which it was discussed to use funds for WLC attendees.

NEXT MEETING: April 28,2025 @ 7pm TBD

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Ross W. to adjourn meeting at 8:31pm.