

KIEL FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS MEETING-October 27, 2025

PRESENT: Abigail Winkel, Jodi Kautzer, Sam Lensmire, David Mueller, Ross Westphalen and Ross Bender, Emmy Newberg and Nicole Wallander via Google Meets.

ABSENT: Zach Lensmire, Mike Joas, and Scott Schweitzer

President Abigail Winkel called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

CONSENT AGENDA: The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were emailed out prior to the meeting. No quorum to approve consent agenda.

FFA OFFICER REPORT: None

ADVISOR REPORT: Emmy reported that Tuesday November 26 @ 6pm is the next chapter meeting. Four chapter students will be attending the FFA National Convention with Jon B. February 2, Kiel will be holding the district LDEs. Emmy is wondering if the alumni would be willing to host a meal for the judges and participants for the district LDEs and she will also be looking for judges for competitions. Chapter will be going to Polly's Pumpkins for an event get-together tomorrow. The trap team will be starting in March, currently there are 8 students signed up, of which 5 are needed for a team. Because of Emmy's absence Trick or Charity wasn't held, but the FFA chapter will be pairing up with the district Social Workers for a hygiene/food drive in November and December.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

SECTION 9 UPDATES: Nicole reported the State FFA Alumni online auction is open through November 2. The Section 9 Alumni banquet as a reminder is November 6 starting with the social at 6 pm and supper at 6:30pm at K-City Pub and Grill in Kellnersville. Nicole is looking for a donation for the auction, Ross W. will put together a donation and will also be attending the banquet. The leadership form needs to be completed and sent back to the State Alumni once new officers are elected. The FFA Alumni State Convention information will be released at the end of November. The convention is Feb 20-22 at the Marriott Hotel in Middleton. Raffle tickets are still available for the State Alumni money raffle, contact Nicole if interested.

FUNDRAISERS: Ross W reported that he will be sending out letters for the Nut and Bolt sale, which is scheduled for December 1-5, riders are already set-up.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AGRICULTURE CAREER DAY: Abigail stated that the event had good reviews from the presenters, students and teachers. Some of the favorite things from the students perspective were the Grande Cheese and Kiel Veterinary presentations and the farm tour. The favorite things from the teachers perspective were the Grande Cheese and Lakeland College presentations and the stations that had interactive activities.

PACKER GAME SOCIAL: An open house at Gravel Pit will be held instead of the chapter banquet this year. It will be held on Sunday November 16 starting at noon with the kick-off of the Packer Game. It was decided that light appetizers will be served and that also a 1/4 barrel of beer will be served until gone. Abigail will put the event out on Facebook, Jodii will have it posted on the website and Ross W. will include the information in the Nuts and Bolts Fundraiser letter.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Will be taken at the December meeting.

COMMUNICATION TACTICS: Please remember email etiquette and who you are emailing.

CHOCOLATE MILK: Sam thought that there is enough money to cover through this school year, so it will be addressed in spring.

OTHER: Adopt-A-Highway, will there be a rescheduled date? It was brought up about how there was an Ag Advisory Counsel in the past and wondering if one needs to be reestablished. It was discussed that the Kiel Ag Department put the Advisory Counsel together and the Alumni cannot be part of the counsel.

NEXT MEETINGS: November 24, 2025 and December 22, 2025 at 7pm at Kiel High School Cafeteria.

Motion made by Sam and seconded by Jodi to adjourn meeting at 8:11pm