

Kiel FFA Alumni and Supporters Meeting January 30, 2023

PRESENT: Scott Schweitzer, Jodi Kautzer, Ross Bender, Mike Joas, Abigail Winkel, David Mueller, Emmy Hastreiter, Ross Westphalen, Zach Lensmire, Nicole Wallander, Gavin Wallander and MyKayla Bell.

ABSENT: Sam Lensmire and Abigail Winkel

President Scott Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

CONSENT AGENDA: The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were sent out prior to the meeting. Advisor's report given by Emmy Hastreiter. She reported MyKayla Bell and Emily Mueller attended the Half-time Conference. There is an officer meeting this week to finish planning activities for the rest of the year. Planning continues for the School Board presentation, which is on March 1 at 6pm. Creed Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure will be moving on to sectionals which will be held in Bayport. CDEs have started practicing. The FFA Chapter banquet is April 28 in The Castle Theater at 6pm. Banquet sponsor letters will be sent out in February. The Pizza Fundraiser profit was approximately \$10,000. Pizza making will be held on Friday February 10 starting after school and Saturday February 11 at 8:30am until finished. FFA Chapter report was given by Joey Friend, Sentinel. He reported that the chapter meeting tonight was a Hot Dog Bar and a scavenger hunt. The Life Skills session this month on budgeting was rescheduled. LDEs include 12 students and for CDEs there are 7 teams. February 8 is practice for the poultry CDE. March 8 is the date for CDE competitions. Consent agenda approval motion made by Zach and seconded by Ross W. Consent agenda approved.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

GOALS FOR 2023: Goals were discussed and it was decided to have 3 goals, which include:

1. Help support Chapter goals
2. Improving communication
3. Fundraising

Ideas for meeting goals to help support the Chapter goals include, for a member of the FFA Alumni board to attend the officer retreat, have 1 FFA Alumni board member to attend the Chapter meeting each month, FFA Alumni members to participate in life skills presentations and have FFA Alumni board be introduced at the FFA Chapter Banquet. The ideas for measuring improving communications include that the active membership grows, monthly postings on Facebook, quarterly newsletters and also awareness of non-board alumni members of meetings (set-up virtual meetings). Measuring goals for fundraising is to increase the fundraising amount from the previous year by \$2,000.

NUT & BOLT SALE, NOVEMBER 28th-DECEMBER 2nd: Ross reported that the profit was \$3,121.05.

ALUMNI CONVENTION 2023, FEBRUARY 3rd-5th, WAUKESHA: Nicole W. will be attending.

ALUMNI CONVENTION 2024-February 9th and 10th-OSHKOSH: Nicole W. reported that fundraising will start the 1st week of February. Nicole also was looking for ideas for workshops.

FUNDRAISERS FOR 2023: Scott reported that the brat fry can be held at ACE Hardware on May 13. The spring auction will be skipped this year due to Golf Outing and looking for donations/sponsors for that. Mum sale will be September 9th. On-Line auction will be tabled until after the golf outing. The nut and bolt fundraiser will be November 27-December 1.

GOLF OUTING- Zach booked the golf outing for July 22 at Miller's Glen in Howards Grove. It was decided that the outing will be a 9-hole scramble with a 4-person team. Cost will be \$40/golfer which will include the 9-holes of golfing and a drink token. There will be 5 hole prizes, which would be approximately \$150 gift for each of the 5 holes. Big prizes could include coolers and gift certificates. Zach stated that Cleveland State Bank will be a major sponsor. Emmy made up fliers for Nicole to take along to the Alumni Convention in February. Registration table and beverage cart volunteers will be needed, which 4-5 volunteers will be needed for both. Also will have a 50/50 raffle and also a silent auction at the golf outing. Discussion to continue.

FFA CHAPTER BANQUET-April 28. No update at this time

CHOCOLATE MILK GIVEAWAYS: Emmy needs to get more information and will report next month.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS: Bowling is scheduled for February 26 at Pla-Mor Lanes in Chilton. Reservations for the number of lanes are needed by February 19. It was decided that the Alumni will pay for kids 18 and under.

OTHER BUSINESS: Abigail continues to work with Jamie regarding FFA Alumni clothing and order forms should be coming soon. Keys for the safe will be kept by the current FFA advisor and the Alumni treasurer. Trailer is currently being stored by David Friend, but storage needs for the trailer and items at current storage rental needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 27, 2023 at 7pm at Kiel High School

Motion made by Nicole and seconded by Jodi to adjourn meeting at 9:02 pm.