

KIEL FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS MEETING MARCH 18, 2024

PRESENT: Scott Schweitzer, David Mueller, Jodi Kautzer, Ross Bender, Sam Lensmire, Mike Joas and Emmy Newberg. Ross Westphalen and Nicole Wallander via Google Meets

ABSENT: Abigail Winkel, Zach Lensmire and Jon Braun

President David Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Secretary and Treasurer reports were sent out prior to the meeting. Sam did go over the Treasurer's report as he had emailed the information just before the meeting. The officer report was given by Joey Friend. Joey reported that sectional LDE's were held, Parliamentary Procedure received 3rd place and Dominic Kaufmann received 4th in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. National FFA week was celebrated with different lunch activities including cheese tasting and cornhole. 4 members of the Kiel FFA chapter attended Day on the Hill at the Capitol in Madison and met with state politicians. CDE competitions were held in Janesville, with results pending. CDE teams that competed include Poultry, Vet science, Dairy Foods, Ag Mechanics and Livestock. A blanket tying activity will be scheduled soon. The Adopt-A-Highway activity is scheduled for April 27 at 8am starting at the Graf residence. The FFA Chapter Banquet and Tractor Day are both scheduled for May 3. Emmy gave the advisor's report. Donkey Basketball is rescheduled to May 5 at 6pm. David, Jodi and Scott K. Are still available to work the concession stand, Emmy is asking for assistance with sideline supervision during the games. The pizza fundraiser profits were just under \$5,000. Cayden Littel and Lily Schipper both received bronze awards for their SAEs. Help with the Adopt-A -Highway activity will be needed. Officer applications will be sent out for officer elections. Chocolate Milk giveaway is going better since the camera was adjusted and students know that any criminal activity will be referred to School Liaison officer. March 15 was the last day to apply for the Kiel FFA Alumni and Supporters scholarship, so scholarship applications should be available next month. Consent agenda approval motion made by Scott and seconded by Sam. Consent agenda approved.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

REVIEW 2023 GOALS AND DISCUSS 2024 GOALS: Goals discussed. It was decided to maintain the current fundraising goals and look at applying for grants. Communication was discussed as being the biggest goal. Facebook posting about virtual meeting should be posted. It was also discussed about attending the chapter meeting at 5:30. It was also discussed to restart the quarterly newsletter, Ross W. will get 1st newsletter

together. Please send an intro article about yourself to Ross W. Ross B. will bring an updated listing of goals to the next meeting.

DONKEY BASKETBALL: Discussed in advisor's report.

CHOCOLATE MILK GIVEAWAY: Discussed in advisor's report. Jodi will work on sending out thank yous.

WINTER BOWLING EVENT: Event will be held on April 7 at 2pm at Pla-Mor Lanes in Chilton.

GOLF OUTING: Zach and Abigail will be contacted regarding the outing as July 13th is an available date for the golf outing.

2024 FUNDRAISERS: It was discussed doing a basket raffle at the Chapter Banquet.

BANQUET AWARDS: It was not known if sponsorship letters were sent. Emmy will check with Abigail if letters were sent. No total for the awards amount was known.

OTHER: Scholarship deadline needs to be updated on website, Jodi will contact website host to update. Nicole stated that the Section 9 spring meeting will be held on April 4 at 6pm at Chilton High School, with a tailgate supper to be served. Please RSVP to Nicole by March 29 if u will be attending. Also Nicole stated that the State FFA Alumni is offering FFA pottery items for sale, which order forms are available through Facebook or Alumni website and due by April 2.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 22 @ 7pm at Kiel High School or virtually.

Motion made by Ross B. and seconded by Mike to adjourn meeting at 8:28 pm.

2023 goals:

- Help support the chapter goals for 2023.
 - Have the FFA alumni members attend the officer retreat
 - Have 1 FFA Alumni member attend each chapter meeting
 - Quarterly attendance at a life skills session
 - Attend the chapter banquet and perform introductions
 - Greater promotion of the scholarship program
- Improve communication
 - Grow active measurement (where are we starting from?)
 - Have at least one monthly posting on Facebook
 - Reintroduce virtual meetings
 - Reintroduce a quarterly newsletter
- Develop a strategic and thoughtful fundraising program
 - Increase total fundraising by \$2,000 over 2022's fundraising goals
 - Develop a budget

