

## FFA Alumni Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2013

Present: Dan Wieringa and Abby, Kent Bollinger, Kevin Wieringa, Christine Zahm, Christina Hehl, Gregg & Tinna Gieske, Bill Miller, Lucas Wolgamott, and Melissa Bouchard

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm Kevin provided the meeting minutes from the previous meeting for anyone to view. The treasurers' report showed \$1,180.07 in our account. We will need to make decisions on how we can support the members with our funds.

*Alumni Meeting Dates:* The 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the months of February, June, August, and November. The meetings will start at 8 pm. The February and November meetings will be held in Mr. VanKempen's room (next door to the ag room) and the June and August meetings will be held in the FFA ag room.

*District Contests:* Were held at Coopersville and many thanks to all that helped make the night a success.

### *Membership Dues:*

Annual Membership \$25 (\$10 to both National and State, \$5 to Local)

Lifetime Membership \$150 onetime to Nationals and then pay \$5 each year to support the local organization

Dues must be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>. All checks to be made payable to Coopersville FFA Alumni

*Euchre Tournament:* Will be at Tim & Lisa Rosel's. The cost is \$10 per player with 25 cents each time euchred. There will be a 50/50 raffle (\$1/ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets). Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks provided. There will be no business meeting. The prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$75 Meijer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50 gas card, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$30 327 Pizza & Pub, and the lowest score will receive \$20 Champs. Kevin will purchase the gift cards. Melissa will check on the tables and chairs.

**Snack sign-up:** Christine – chips, Ann & Eric – taco dip w/chips, Dan & Abby – cookies, Christina - scotcheroos

Kevin, April and Lucas - Pop, Tinna - salsa & chips, Bill - assorted munchies, Melissa - cheese/cracker tray

*Officer Elections:* – The President and Treasurer will serve one more year. The Vice President elected was Bill Miller and the Secretary elected was Christina Hehl. These are both two year terms.

The Ag Skills contest that will be held on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> was discussed. It was decided to have an informational meeting for the students on Thursday, February 27. This meeting will be to discuss the different skills that they could participate in at the competition and how we as an Alumni can help them prepare for the competition. If you would be willing to help with this, please call Kevin Wieringa. Kent will put this announcement in the bulletin at school for the students.

It was voted to provide a dinner for the high school members and ice cream at the Dairy Store for the middle school members that will be attending the State Convention. We have asked Galen to coordinate the high school dinner and Ann will coordinate the middle school ice cream.

The FFA Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the high school cafeteria. It was voted to provide 4 bags of meatballs with sauce and 14 dozen rolls. Melissa will purchase them. Kent will check with Mary Willcome on providing the potatoes and gravy again this year. There was a note from last year that we need to up the potatoes to 1-1/2 roasters. We need to check to see if there will be pork provided also. We will also be electing an Alumni "Member of the Year" for the banquet.

Kevin reminded everyone to check the Coopersville FFA Alumni website for any news updates. He will also be preparing an article for the Bronco Bits.

Reminder to everyone that the FFA is collecting pop can tabs for State Convention. You can bring your tabs to the euchre tournament or turn them into Kent by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Adopt-A-Highway will be done during Spring Break.

Summerfest activities were discussed and it was decided that if we sold the ice cream and water again it would need to be in a better location. This will be discussed further at our June Meeting. We will also discuss the Berlin Fair activities at the June meeting.

It was discussed to having the FFA and Alumni participate in the Outhouse 500 in 2014. This is something that will need to be discussed at our November meeting so we have plenty of time to plan.

The Michigan FFA Alumni Annual Meeting is on March 23rd at Laker High School in Pigeon, Michigan.

Melissa Bouchard, FFA Alumni Secretary