

**MINUTES OF THE  
MADISON CHAMBER AG COMMITTEE  
March 1, 2019**

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee met Friday, March 1, 2019 at 7:00 A.M. at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Diner in Madison.

Members present were Kevin Jaspers, Dave Ellens, Tom Kahler, Austin Kesteloot, Mark DeGroot, Darrell Gerdes, and Carolyn Rudebusch.

Also present were Courtney Storm, Chamber staff and FFA members Brady Christensen, Eric Nelson.

In Chairman Rob Thuringer's absence, Courtney Storm called the meeting to order.

**Agenda:** The agenda was corrected to read March 1<sup>st</sup>; there were no additions.

**Minutes:** The minutes of February 1, 2019 meeting were corrected to read that the committee would request to serve the Potter Sale every year not every week. Dave Ellens moved, Darrell Gerdes seconded to approve the February 1, 2019 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Ag in the Classroom – Darrell Gerdes reported that he is considering a class on South Dakota Pork. The following volunteers have offered to assist with the class: Cassie Viet-Oldham Ramona; Kevin Jaspers-Chester; Missy-Howard; and Melissa Palmquist-Madison. Darrell asked for other volunteers. FFA members will help in the classroom. Presentations in the classrooms should be done in April with a completion date of April 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was no information on the purchase of two microscopes. Melissa contacted the school and had not heard back.

Banners for the Chester and Madison FFA chapters are done and can be delivered anytime. Tom Kahler will deliver the one to the Chester FFA and members of the Madison FFA will pick theirs up.

**New Business:**

Ag Week – March 11-15, 2019

Melissa Palmquist has completed the “tents” for display in local restaurants. Dave Ellens, Tom Kahler, and Mark DeGroot volunteered to deliver them. FFA members have put together Trivia questions to have on KJAM during the week. There will be two questions each day (one on AM and one on FM) for five days. The winner will receive \$10.00 for the correct answer for a total of \$100. Kevin has prepared an article for the Madison Daily Leader and Carolyn will have a letter to the editor in the newspaper. Dave Ellens will record an ad for the radio.

Funds Drive – Carolyn Rudebusch asked for volunteers to assist with contacting current sponsors of the Ag Committee as well as potential sponsors. It was suggested that Tru-Shrimp be contacted as a potential sponsor. Volunteers are Dave Ellens, Kevin Jaspers, and Austin Kesteloot. Carolyn will contact Tom Bloom, and others who have helped contact sponsors in the past. Courtney will get the list of sponsors and those already paid together and Rob will e-mail the information to the volunteers.

Sponsors should be contacted and their responses returned to the Chamber by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was so some discussion on the increase in the proposed 2019 budget. It was suggested that we table a commitment of \$500 to the Ag Ball until we have more information about the budget. There was no action on the budget.

Event Leads – Courtney asked if anyone wanted to change as an Event Lead – no one requested a change. Courtney then asked if anyone was interested in being a lead person for the Ag Ball and Ag Bowl. This person would coordinate the activities with DSU. Tom Kahler volunteered to take on the Ag Bowl, the Ag Ball was tabled until a later date. Dave Ellens agreed to be the event lead for the Scholarship Sub-Committee.

**Announcements:**

Ag Week	March 11-15	
GMACC Annual Member Recognition Mixer		March 25 <sup>th</sup>   5-7pm   DPP
FFA Banquet	April 15	

The next meeting of the Ag Committee will be April 5, 2019.

There being no further business Kevin Jaspers moved, Dave Ellens seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 A.M.

Reported by  
Carolyn Rudebusch