

Ag Committee Meeting Minutes

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May 2018

Mission: "This committee will promote goodwill and interaction with the agricultural sector of the area"

Attendance

Present: Rob Thuringer – Chairman, Missy Lock, Tom Bloom, Kim Schwenke, Melissa Palmquist, Cassie Viet, Carolyn Rudebush, Kevin Jaspers, Eric Fritz, Darryl Gerdes, Courtney Storm with the GMACC, and one Guest from Madison FFA.

Absent: Ben Fox, Terry Schultz, Dave Ellens, Jesse Letsche, Mark Stoller, Lori Christensen, and Corey Gerry.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Thuringer on May 11th at 7:00 a.m. Melissa Palmquist made a motion to approve minutes from the March meeting and the agenda, Tom Bloom seconded the motion. Both were unanimously approved as distributed.

Review of Old Business

FFA Banquet Participation – GMACC Ag Committee Scholarship

- Check presentation to the scholarship winners at their FFA banquets
- Madison had their banquet on April 23rd
- Chester will hold theirs on May 14th, 6:00pm in the CHS lunchroom

Ag in the Classroom

- Only one class left to complete, in Howard. This is scheduled for May 17th.
- The FFA class did a great job putting the presentation together and helping to teach the lessons. We will plan to include them next year.
- State may have an Ag in the Classroom program next year. We will review their curriculum next year and decide if we would like to use theirs or continue or own.

Funds Drive

- Goal is \$13,000.
- So far \$13,055 has been pledged – we have exceeded our goal
- There was a great response from all of the businesses contacted, many donated more than past donations

New Business

Prairie Village Bull Ride Event

- Friday, June 8th – Volunteers should plan to arrive between 5:00 and 5:30
- Most everything will be organized as it was last year
- We will be choosing 8 winners from a drawing to receive \$25 in Mad Money, and we have plenty of blizzard coupons to pass out to the children in attendance
- Carolyn made a motion to make a \$300 donation to the fire department to run the beer tent. Darrell Gerdes seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Letters to businesses with tickets will go out 2 weeks before the bull ride. Rob and Cassie will review the list and update addresses

4-H Sponsorship Request

- Letter came from the local 4-H group asking for a donation
- We currently make an annual purchase at Achievement Days

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- We will send a letter explaining that we will make the purchase at Achievement Days, so they can count on our financial participation with that donation

Other Items

- Chamber Announcements

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 1st at 7:00 a.m. at the Second Street Diner conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Lock