

Albany FFA Alumni

Meeting Minutes

April 5th, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Albany FFA Alumni was called to order at 7:47pm on April 5th, 2017 at Albany Bowling Center by President Joe Gill.

Present

Joe Gill, Jerry Breth, Ryan Pratt, Tom Winkels

Absent – Lana Klaphake, Tom Dobmeier

Approval of Agenda

Open Issues

1. We began the meeting by welcoming Tom Winkels to the meeting. He is a new member.
2. Fundraising – we discussed successes in our fundraising as we surpassed our goal set at our previous meeting of \$500 – to date, we have raised \$875 as of this meeting. We also discussed future fundraising ideas:
 - Tom had an idea to auction off a donated bucket or trailer with his connections at Big Iron Auction. They auction off donated items to benefit FFA organizations.
 - Tractor restoration. This idea was brought up as the FFA Chapter may be looking for a tractor to restore with the FFA Alumni organizing a raffle of sorts to raise funds.
 - Have some seed reps donate seed to auction off with the Big Iron Auction scenario.
3. Allocation of funds – Board members in attendance decided to fund FFA members going to the State FFA Convention to a \$10 food allowance to support them in their trip to the convention. At the meeting, we were unaware of the exact number of students attending and Ryan said he would contact the chapter to get further details. We also talked about getting t-shirts made so we have a presence when attending events to give our organization more visibility.

4. Upcoming events. These are a few events that the group came up with to explore this summer:

- Volunteer at Breakfast on the Farm – this year it is at the Kuechle Farm near Watkins – this would give our group some visibility.
- Tractor Parade – this would serve in the manner of being in visible and to get others involved. This would bring some unity and may attract others to get involved with the Alumni Chapter.
- Be present in the Albany Heritage Day parade.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Albany FFA Alumni has been set for Wednesday, June 7th at Schiffler's Bar in St. Anthony at 7:30pm. At this meeting, we are hoping to discuss progress of fundraising and possible a plan of action towards some summer events.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm by President Joe Gill.

Minutes submitted by: President/Secretary Joe Gill