

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Board Meeting

February 16th, 2015 – Marshall Middle School - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The February 16th, 2015 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Doug Wildt at 7:00 pm at Marshall Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vic Parker.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Megan Harvey.

Present: Doug Wildt, Jim Olds, Tom Carr, Susan Baldwin, Steven Benham, Nick Collier, Vic Parker, Vic Potter. Absent and excused: Hope Horton, Shirland Redfield, Amanda Shreve.

Secretary's report of the January 19th, 2015 minutes was given. Vic Parker provided additional information regarding the discussion about unclaimed premium checks from the January meeting, stating that the funds do need to be turned in to the state. Susan Baldwin suggested that this information be recorded in the February minutes, rather than changing the January minutes, since new information was shared. Motion was made by Vic Potter, supported by Jim Olds, to file the January minutes as provided. Vote was all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Harvey provided the treasurer's report. She presented the balance sheet and the Profit and Loss statements, and discussed various line items. Harvey explained that the electric bill was high this month due to a 38 day billing cycle. Additionally, there will be an adjustment next month in CCAIS' favor on the electric bill. Since the Finance Committee is meeting earlier in the month, the statements are now providing information through the end of the prior month. Vic Potter moved that the December and January financial statements be accepted and put on record. Nick Collier seconded. Motion was approved.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items.

None.

Old Business:

- 1. Executive Director Update** - Doug Wildt announced that Megan Harvey has been appointed the new Executive Director of CCAIS. The Board and the Search Committee conducted an in-depth search and interviewed finalists. During the time that the position of Executive Director was open, Harvey served as the interim Director. At the end of the process, the Board determined that Harvey was the best fit for the position and is pleased that Harvey has accepted the position.
- 2. Beef Superintendent** – Vic Parker announced that Greg Smith will serve as the new Beef Superintendent and will be signing the three year contract shortly. Smith will be taking over the position as soon as possible.
- 3. Celebrity Luncheon** – Megan Harvey reported that we served 236 meals at the luncheon which was only 4 less than last year. However, CCAIS made a profit of over \$5200, which is an increase of \$1100 over the prior year. Great work everyone!

New Business:

- 1. Rodeo** – Nick Collier reported that CCAIS has committed to having a rodeo as the grandstand event for Wednesday night during the fair. A title sponsor has already come forward for that event and doubled their donation from last year. Others have expressed interest in sponsoring the event. If all goes well, the rodeo will be paid for before the fair starts.
- 2. Awards Policy** – Megan Harvey discussed the proposed awards policy that the Committee put together and shared with the Board. Susan Baldwin stated that Amanda Shreve and her volunteers did a nice job on the policy. Baldwin suggested that a few of the categories have more details listed in the policy. Megan Harvey said that could be easily added. Vic Potter moved that the policy be adopted. Jim Olds seconded. Motion was approved.
- 3. Large Animal Auction Committee Report** – Kori _____ shared a draft budget for the auction event. He indicated that the left-over meat from last year's dinner was sold. The planning is well underway for this year.

Events and Committee Reports:

- a. 4H Council – Marilyn Letts shared information on upcoming events. Officer training for youth is on March 7 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Fredonia Township Hall. It will cover how to conduct a meeting, parliamentary procedure, conflict resolution and personality traits. Kathy Fischer explained the “real colors” program.
- b. FFA Report – Megan Harvey reported on the Homer FFA district and regional results. Thirty one students participated at district and 15 moved on to regionals. Members are now competing for state. The Homer FFA has signed up to be a recognized youth organization for the Fair.
- c. Floral Hall Building – Vic Parker reported on the Floral Hall Committee fund balance. The group had started with \$4200. With grants obtained by Pat McCann from Marshall Community Foundation and the Cronin Foundation, along with other donations, and wisely keeping control of rehabilitation costs, the group now has a fund balance of \$11,800.
- d. Houston School – Bonnie Rocco - no report.
- e. Maple Grove Church – Margaret Taylor reported that the Christmas decorations have been taken down. An ad has been placed in the Morning Star that the Church is available. Would like to have a similar ad in the Marshal Advisor.
- f. Electrical – Phil Smith – stated that there is nothing new to report.
- g. Marketing Committee – Megan Harvey reported that the fairgrounds is offering spots for people to rent to participate in the Marshall community garage sale. Spots are available inside and outside, starting at \$15.
- h. Sponsorships – Megan Harvey reported that Firekeeper’s Casino is renewing their sponsorship from last year for \$25,000. They were very pleased with last year’s experience. Responses to sponsorship requests this year so far have been positive.
- i. Operation Committee – Vic Parker – no report.
- j. Cruise the Fountain – Leslie Parker stated that the committee chair has resigned. She also stated that the route will need to be redesigned for this year as MDOT will be doing construction on Marshall Ave. The

committee is working on a new route. The event will take place on July 3-4th.

k. Fundraisers – Golf Outing - Cindy Thomas reported that the Tomac Woods Golf Course was not sold at auction. The owners have decided to open and operate the course this year. So the golf outing will take place. The event will be June 27th. Since the event had to be on hold pending the auction, the committee will be working fast to get things ready for this year. They are looking for donations.

l. Fair Museum – JoAnne McKeever – no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

John Taylor offered congratulations to Megan Harvey and Leslie Parker on the great job running the Celebrity Luncheon.

Shirley Myers asked about the awards money that might have to go to the state – how much might have to be paid. Leslie Parker stated that about \$1200 is outstanding but that many, many of the checks are for \$2 to \$4 amounts. This would be far too expensive to re-issue checks.

Margaret Taylor shared that the Fredonia Grange pancake fundraiser is being held on March 8 at the BE Henry Building.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Vic Parker reported that six youth groups applied for recognition for the fair. The groups are 4H, FFA, _____ and _____.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Steve Benham, seconded by Nick Collier, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.