

Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting, April 18, 2023

The Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting on April 18 was called to order by Gary Fellure. The following members were in attendance: Gary Fellure, Booney Conkright, Shirley Russell, Marty Rigo, Chuck Buck, Dave Fleshman, Emily Gabriel, Rita Bausch, Rachel Bausch, Paige Wiley, Abby Bates, Dave Hickman, Sharla House, Chris Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Derek Vincent, Julie Krebs, Cameron Krebs, Cassie Fellure, Kevin Wiley and Kathy McNutt. Fair Manager Amy Fleshman was also in attendance. As were Beth Boomershine and Rachel Stoneburner from OSU Extension.

Chris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretaries Minutes from were approved as emailed. Chris moved to accept. Seconded by Booney.

Treasurer's report was reviewed as emailed and submitted for audit. All fairs will be receiving ODA Funds \$47,000 to use where needed.

Fair Managers report was submitted by Kevin, seconded by Cameron.

Committee Reports:

Grounds/Maintenance : Dave Hickman moved to purchase a manlift for \$14,500 with a \$350 service plan per year. Booney seconded the motion, motion carried. Electrical Boxes need magnet closures to be compliant.

Home and Fine Arts: Received \$1700 in sponsorships, working towards \$5,000.

Entertainment: Tuesday will be highlighting Sensory Fun at the Fair from 11:00-2:00 with low lights and music, creating a welcome environment for those overstimulated by noise and lights. Saturday will feature a Cultural Dance Day, 4-5 groups have already signed up. Balloon Launch on Sunday scheduled one hour prior to closing. Abby moved to purchase a new marquee sign for Northwest Parkway. Kevin seconded the motion, motion passed.

Junior Fair: The board donated \$5000 for sponsorship of the Junior Fair Activities Tent, to help cover the increased cost of an L shaped tent with the new vendor. This money was raised from the December Craft and Cookie Sales. Mark 6/6 at 6:30 PM on your calendar for a combined Junior Senior Fair Board Pot Luck. Plan to bring a main dish, side dish or dessert. Family members are welcomed.

Livestock: Banners have been ordered. Looking into how many pellets needed. Rabbit and Poultry cages and legs have been ordered. Hellbranch 4-H Club will make bases. The Sale Committee has approved the change to allow 2 sub species to sell in the 2023 Sale.

Parking and Gates: Sharla moved to sell a Vehicle Delivery Pass for \$5, which vehicle must exit by 11:00 AM and park in General Parking. A Premier Parking Pass is available for \$25, limit 2 per family, to allow parking, in the fenced area behind the campground. Booney seconded the motion, motion carried.

PR/Social Media: Website is ready to go. Platform is Square Space.

Sponsorship: Continuing to work on

Parade: The board will have a float in the parade with a Haybale Cow to promote the fair. Junior Fair Royalty can ride or walk by the float. Theme is Family, Friends and Freedom. It is July 4 this year.

Campgrounds: 7/15 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM will be an additional drop off day

Constitution: Changes were reviewed and will be voted on by the board in May and be placed on the ballot for the July Election.

Old Business:

Info gained at District Meeting suggesting to submit Financial Report early to gain feedback prior to deadline.

New Business:

Bates Contract negotiations will start in May.

Insurance Meeting on 5/12

Golf Cart sign up sheets were passed around

Dereck moved to allow Grounds Committee to purchase (up to \$2000) spark resistant flammable storage cabinet and cans

Beth requested signage for Ganyard Building, similar to what is used for Edwards Building.

Booney moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting May 16, 2023

Respectively Submitted, Kathy McNutt, Secretary