

MINUTES
White County Agricultural Association Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present –Cindy Campbell, Sara Shelton, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Samantha Foutch, Suzette Alma, Luke Furrer, Kevin Kelley, Andrew Westfall, Julie Williams, Laura Chapman, Brandon Foutch, Mark Helms, Jon Tebo, Marleta Misch, and Jr. Leader Representative

Absent – Chad Dahlenburg, Phil Hunt, Brandon Bell, Rodney Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Bill Geisler, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Baily Tanner and Denise Schroeder

Guests Present – Deb Foutch and Randy Freshour

Call to Order – Joe Demerly, President, was not present at this meeting. Vice President, Luke Furrer, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Secretary's Minutes – No discussion. On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Cindy Campbell, the minutes of the May 1, 2019, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was presented by Kevin Kelley. There was discussion regarding progress with the audit. Kevin reported he will be setting up a meeting to discuss this. There was discussion around what has been done in the past regarding audits. Cindy Griffin and Marleta Misch helped give insight on this as they have held the Treasurer's position in the past. In the past, someone came in to make sure checkbooks reconciled with statements and wrote a letter saying everything balanced. There was an agreement that the expectation would be to make sure the accounts balance. Cindy Griffin suggested having Denise Schroeder or Andrew Westfall provide any more information or insight on this. Cindy Campbell suggested having an audit completed earlier in the year before tax season. The Treasurer's report will stand for audit.

Jr. Leader Report – Jillian Schroeder was present to give an update for Jr. Leaders. Their last meeting was a few weeks prior and they honored senior members at this meeting. They decided to give \$100 to the photo backdrop project for the arena. The next meeting will be on the Madam Carroll, and they will be having a food drive during the fair.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrew Westfall reported we ended up with 711 members enrolled for this year. Last year the total was 750 members. Andrew announced the new 4-H Educator, Miranda Furrer, who started on Monday. Miranda was unable to attend the meeting due to being at 4-H camp. The intern for the summer will be Effie Campbell and this is her 3rd summer helping. This year, there is also an intern from Purdue, Regan Culp, and she is from Pulaski County.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Brandon Foutch**

- The committee will continue to work on picking up remaining limbs around the fairgrounds.
- There is a plan to take down the remaining trees by the railroad in the campground area.
- There was discussion about a tree falling on a bench by the antique tractors/campground area.
- Sara asked for the limestone pad area to be grated prior to the fair. Luke also suggested spraying the limestone pad.
- Luke asked about spraying taking place prior to the fair. Andrew added that Co-Alliance comes to spray for Mosquitoes prior to the fair.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**

- **National Guard** – Sara has been in contact with the National Guard and they are interested in coming to the fair this year. They discussed bringing some type of attraction/equipment such as a rock climbing wall or obstacle course. Sara will continue to be in contact regarding this. They will be given some sort of deal since they are bringing something for people to do. Sara discussed not having them pay the square footage price, but still having them pay something.
- **Teacher Tuesday** – Sara discussed having Tuesday of the fair being a day to honor teachers. She reached out to a couple of vendors about this and they were in agreement. Sara left it up to the stand/vendor to choose what their discount would be (.50 cent off of an item, a free item, etc), and the teachers would have to show their ID's to get this discount. In exchange, local schools will be advertising vendors on their Facebook pages to help get people here, more advertisement, etc. Sara made it clear that this would not create any type of protest, etc. There was no other discussion regarding this and there was no disagreement with Sara moving forward with this.
- **Queen** – Barn dance will occur on Thursday evening of the fair again. The Queen committee has added a new award for the Jr. Miss contest and there are 8 contestants signed up to participate in the Queen Contest this year.
- **Entertainment** – Everything is on track and booked. Baily is still working with FFA chapters on designing yard games, etc. Sara is still working on finding new things to bring to the fair.
- **Vendors** – All old vendors will be back. Kona Ice and Mitchell's will not be at the fair this year. Sara commented that we have lost a few vendors, but we have also gained a few. Delicious Dips is coming this year and they have fresh fruit dipped in chocolate and other things. Frosty Freeze trailer will also be at the fair. Sara is still working on

finding nonprofit vendors to come as well. There was discussion about the Farmer's Market coming and Andrew said he could provide Sara with their contact information.

- **Development – Cindy Campbell**

- **Sponsor Management and Marketing** – Cindy reported these two committees have been busy working on projects. They have been working on edits to the Fair Book with the extension office staff. Printing of the books is planned to occur next week. They are waiting on finalization of the Road Sign fundraiser and that **deadline was extended** until Friday, June 7, 2019.
- **Printing** – There has been a lot of discussion regarding the number of books being printed. It was decided in a prior meeting to print 100 books, however, the committee has discussed with the extension office staff about printing more books. Due to the setup process of printing the books and the possibility of running out of books too quickly, there was compromise on having 200 books printed. Cindy presented the fair pamphlet layout and it is still going through edits. There was discussion regarding items taken out of the fair book and those included the following: State Fair entry procedures, grievance procedure and project committees. Cindy brought up question tonight regarding printing options. The following options were presented:
 1. Have the extension office print the books in black writing on green paper.
 2. Blasted works in Monticello can print the pamphlets in color version, unfolded, for \$435. If we wanted them folded they could do that for an additional \$30 which would bring the total to \$465.
 3. Staples could do unfolded, color for \$675, and the total cost to have them folded would be around \$732.

There was discussion of whether or not the office has a way to fold the pamphlets, but there wasn't a clear understanding of whether or not it folds into the pamphlet style. Other company options were discussed, however, it was decided Blasted Works would be the best option and they are local. It was asked if Blasted Works would cut us a discount, and Cindy said she had no problem asking. There was a motion made by Sara Shelton to have the pamphlets printed at Blasted Works in color and to have them fold the pamphlets as well. Laura Chapman seconded this motion. The motion passed. There was discussion on where the money would come from. Cindy Griffin suggested taking it out of the Day Sponsors fund. Cindy Campbell suggested having the money come out of the Day Sponsors fund and then make sure we budget for this item next year. There was an amended motion from Sara Shelton to have the pamphlets printed at Blasted Works in color, folded, and the money will come from the Day Sponsors fund. This was seconded by Julie Williams. The motion passed.

- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**

- **Trips and Awards-** Volunteer of the year plaque has been purchased. 10 year member award blankets have been given to Andrew and are in the office. A check was received for \$250 from an organization which is no longer operating.
- **Ultimate Showmanship** – This committee met tonight before the meeting and a few changes were made. The format of the show has been changed a little. The poultry and rabbits will be judged concurrently while the other large animals are being judged with hopes of shaving a half an hour off the show.

Unfinished Business

- **Landscaping** – This brought up discussion regarding Adopt-A-Spot areas and having the area around the building maintained year round. It was discussed to have this idea tabled until after the fair and to have bids from landscapers regarding year round maintenance for around the building. Luke suggested coming up with a list of what all things would be expected regarding maintenance of the landscaping.
- **Fair entrance** – Cindy Campbell reported on this. Due to the weather, landscapers have been affected as well. It was decided to have this idea tabled until the Fall to give time to come up with more ideas, etc.
- **Fairgrounds Sound System** – This item was tabled due to Joe having more information.
- **Fairgrounds Road Signs** – Liberty Arms and Bob Oliver have purchased roads. The plan is to have the signs made prior to the fair. Deadline has been extended until June 7, 2019. April Hall will continue working with this project.

New Business

- **Adopt-A-Spot** – Suzette reached out to Andrew about the process of getting an Adopt-A-Spot area due to her club wanting to have a spot. Suzette said she would be willing to take over this project and suggested having it fall under the grounds committee. Andrew was able to provide Suzette with a map of the current Adopt-A-Spot areas, however, it hasn't been updated since about 1994. Suzette discussed walking the fairgrounds to update the map, and hoped to have this done by the next meeting. There was hopes of having an excel spreadsheet in the office to help us keep track of who has which area so that way we can keep record of and hold people accountable for their areas. There was discussion from Suzette regarding the benches falling under this category as well. Suzette has been researching some ideas for benches such as recycled plastic benches. A motion was made by Sara Shelton to allow Suzette to continue with Adopt-A-Spot projects as needed. This was seconded by Mark Helms. The motion passed.
- **Reagan Culp summer intern project** – Andrew commented on this. Reagan is going to be working with the Jr. Leaders on a food drive during the fair. She is working on getting something set up to where if you donate a certain amount of non-perishable

food items to the Food Drive, and then you will receive a free State Fair ticket. There will be some stipulations as there are only so many free tickets that will be provided. She is also working with the Auction Committee where 4-Hers would have an option to donate meat or money to the local Food Pantry. She wanted to inform everyone on her idea/plan. Suzette commented on this and discussed the program's name is called 'Fairs Care Program'. Other counties are completing this as well. A booth will be set up from Saturday to Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm, and some individuals from the White County Food Pantry will also be present. Cass County raised \$34,000 last year with this program, and Suzette plans to reach out to them to get some other ideas, etc.

- **Weather Station at Memorial Farm** – Andrew explained this topic. He talked about a group, WI-IN (Wabash Heartland Innovation Network), which was recently started to manage money that was endowed to them with the goal of making this region the global epicenter of Digital Agricultural and Manufacturing. They are going to be installing a weather station at the Memorial Farm for educational purposes. Andrew has worked with Jerry Skinner and permission was obtained from the Antique Tractor Association. The group asked for permission to come to the fair again this year to set up a trailer and complete surveys. They will be here on July 16th and will be working with the Jr. Leader booth to pass out surveys as well.
- **Awards** – Cindy Griffin discussed how there are awards which still need sponsored. If anyone was wanting to Sponsor, then money would need to be turned in Friday, June 7, 2019.
- **Goat Arena** – Cindy Campbell reported on the goat arena needing new flooring/shavings. Research was completed and they decided to go with a company in Michigan. It was asked if the Ag. Association would fund the cost of the new arena flooring which would be around \$900-\$1,000. There was discussion regarding the Area committee getting together to discuss this topic. The goat committee has researched and found a product that is suitable for goats, but it is unknown if this product would also be suitable for other animals and could be used in the main arena. A motion was made by Mark Helms to give the power to the Arena Committee to come up with the decision to fund the project. This was seconded by Sara Shelton. The motion passed.

Other:

- **Antique Tractors** – Laura Chapman spoke with Don Wright prior to the meeting and reported information. A tree blew over in their area and they have been working on cleaning that up. The cement was poured and they are working on getting the grass growing around the pavilion area. They will be having daily demonstrations from 2pm to 8pm, and the parade will take place on Sunday.
- **Luc Sproles** – Cindy Campbell reached out to Luc to see if he was still needing money for his trip as there was discussion at the last meeting about donating. Cindy reported Luc was able to raise all the money needed through other fundraisers. He

expressed great appreciation for the Ag Association's consideration of helping out/donating.

- **Fire Departments/EMTs** – There was discussion brought up regarding the Fire Departments being present at the fair, and who will be in charge of manning the First Aid Station. There was possibility of someone attending the Fire Chief's meeting as this was done last year. Suzette commented that the next Chief's meeting is July 9, 2019.
- **Waste Management** – There was discussion regarding whether or not anyone has been contacted for this year's fair. Advanced Disposal was contacted last year. Brandon F. said he would reach out to Advanced Disposal about helping again this year.

Upcoming Dates –

- **YQCA – June 18th at 6:30pm**
- **Sign Painting – June 29th at 2:30pm**
- **4-H Fair Committee Meeting – July 2nd at 7:00pm**
- **4-H Building Set-Up – July 8th at 6:00pm; Board Meeting at 7:00pm**

Adjourn – On a motion by Julie Williams and seconded by Vivian Hornback, the meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.