

**Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
September 15, 2021**

Called to order at 7:01 PM by Kelsey

Members present were: Jen Schmitt, Matthew Stille, Drew Mitchell, Ron Hillegas, Kelsey Uetz, Kurt Thorson, Amy Staudt, and Melissa Merriss.

Secretary Report: Jen read the minutes of the previous meeting. Matthew made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report was given by Melissa. Amy made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Matthew. Motion passed. A reminder that it is extremely important that all deposits and checks go through our treasurer so that things are consistent. A discussion was held on using a cash payout system on a specific day for fair premiums to eliminate having fair premium checks not being cashed.

Committee Reports:

1. FFA Instructors:
 - a. Charles City FFA working with Leland Boyd to put a grain bin in for a gazebo-style seating area. A discussion in regards of where this could be placed and it was decided in the old courtyard after tiling is done would be a great location. They are also working on the possibility of finding an old windmill to place in that area as well.
 - b. The Prospect cattle show was held this past weekend, Farm Safety Day is coming up on the 28th, and student-teacher was introduced and welcomed.
2. Extension/4-H Committee: Checks were mailed to all exhibitors, enrollment is open and awards night is scheduled for Oct. 3rd. The extension staff would like to look into scheduling the insect zoo for Fair 2022, possibly looking at Saturday.
3. Rentals- An updated contract is complete and has been given to Lisa.
4. Auction-We need to check to see if Cedar Valley has given the fair a commission check at this point. The auction went well.
5. Building & Grounds: An updated contract is complete to give to Ron. The committee met to discuss tiling the old courtyard area and to establish sidewalk placement.
6. Entertainment: Started inquiring about prices and booked some already. Discussion on grandstand events, nights, and concerts. Ron is going to price another demo derby company just to see where we are at in comparison to what we are currently doing.
7. Fund-Raising: Wine pairing is scheduled for Friday, November 19th, FFA will consider doing the Spring Fling again.
8. Off fair-Sand Volleyball tournament is this Sunday, we will see how it goes to see if we want to add more dates next year. Please let Amy or Kelsey know if there is an off fair event like this happening because we need to let the insurance company know.
9. Security: New camera system is ordered and will be installed in October, it includes the YEC interior, exterior and bar area.
10. YEC: Current balance is \$91,000. Dene Lundberg has taken over as manager and has already jumped in and is doing great.
11. Superintendents: Fair Book sections should be reviewed in November so we aren't waiting too long to have them mailed out.

Correspondence: Numerous thank you's for the fair this year!

Old Business:

1. Building-The Community Center will be completed in late October. Nov. 1 is when storage will be able to begin being put in the building. The building is paid in full. After all, bills have been submitted we can discuss the parking lot.
2. Little Hands-Bays have all been sold/sponsored. Money will be used to purchase more educational activities.
3. Sound system-Scheduled to be installed for Spring.

New Business:

1. 2020 taxes are complete and submitted.
2. 2021 fair wrap up-discussion was held. Garbage pick-up was discussed as that was difficult this year. Drew mentioned that CERT volunteers may help with that, BeJe Clark has crews that we may be able to hire, and we will inquire what other fairs are doing for this area. A discussion was held regarding things for the middle school-age students to do from the 11-5 timeframe after shows on Friday and Saturday.
3. Insurance: Discussion was held on our current insurance policy. It was decided to raise the insurance by 20% on the YEC and Community Center. Morton does have a 5 year warranty on the structure of The Community Center. Amy will ask Jay if we can get an umbrella policy.
4. North Butler students would like to show at our fair. They will show as North Butler FFA and there are currently three families looking at this option. The board determined that this is ok after getting guidance from extension and FFA advisors.
5. Trees: There are 10 ash trees that are dead. Jeff Harris may need to be able to take them down. Melissa will check with Jeff.

Motion made by Melissa to adjourn. Seconded by Ron, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jen Schmitt