

## **Floyd County Fair Society**

**January 18, 2023**

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Kelsey

Members present: Drew Mitchell, Rod Schmidt, Renee Knapp, Jeff Harris, Ryan Wegner, Kiersten Heim, Amy Staudt, Kelsey Uetz, Kurt Thorson, Melissa Merriss

Secretary Report: Minutes of the previous meeting were sent via email. Amy made a motion to approve, seconded by Drew, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report was given by Melissa. Kurt made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jeff, motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

1. FFA Instructors: Christmas Eve meal is being held Friday, January 21st. They are working with the extension office lining up fair judges. May 24th will be the end of year teacher celebration in the red barn. Similar to last year for set up. They are waiting on the image for two signs for Knapp Farms / Knapp Finishers to complete the donor signs. The FFA is building the frame for outside. They also have the countertops done for the grain bin, they are ready to be installed.
2. Extension/4-H County Committee: Michelle Schubert has joined the extension office as the new county youth coordinator. Working on lining up judges for 2023 fair. There has been a section for "fair board chat" in the monthly newsletter. Amy has been providing information for this section. They are working with the 4-H clubs to collect donations for the 2023 Spring Fling. The Floyd Farmers 4-H club is active again. They will work on updating the club and 4-H leader information on the 4-H page of the website. YQCA will be held on 3/20 and 3/23.
3. Storage Rentals: No update. All items are in storage and the last check is being sent to Madison and they will get to Melissa.
4. Auction: No update.
5. Buildings & Grounds: Working on purchasing new bleachers for the show arena. Need to check bleacher size before we order.
6. Entertainment: Working on booking for 2023 fair and sending deposits. Need to set up a meeting and get a floor plan in place. 5 new businesses called to join as a sponsor and wanted information. Sponsorship letters will go out March 1, so they are separate from the Spring Fling.
7. Endowments: We can pull a portion each year if we want. The Quasi fund must maintain \$10,000 but can be used like a checkbook. Permanent has \$40,913.11 and we can self-grant \$1513 in 2023. Quasi has \$23,959.95 and we can self-grant \$983 in 2023.
8. Fundraising: Spring Fling tickets have been printed. The event will be held on March 4th. The Floyd County Cattlemen will be grilling ribeye steak sandwiches and hamburgers. Keep the sign-up updated with tickets sold, and if you're able to help that evening or bring sides/desserts. We've sold 61 tickets already. All tickets are \$30 this year. We discussed if board members should get their tickets at a discounted price. It

was determined everyone was OK paying full price. It was asked that each member sell 10 tickets. When updating the sheet, please mark if carryout or wanting a hamburger, or it is assumed it will be dine in and steak. If you frequent any of the businesses - sign up and follow up for items.

9. Publicity: Keep sharing posts and find us on Instagram and Twitter.
10. Refreshments and Vendors: No Update
11. Security: Outside cameras are in the office and can be set up anytime. We will wait until the weather warms up to install.
12. Off Fair Events: Figure 8 races will be held in June 2023.
13. Building Rentals: Amy presented that the buildings are in need of new tables and chair. Drew motioned and Renee seconded to purchase 34 chairs and 25 tables. Motion passed. We are not able to get black, the new ones will be white or almond. The old tables would be swapped out and used on the fair grounds. The estimated cost is \$5,030.00. There is a wedding that was told they would have seating for 500 and we don't have 500 chairs. Also multiple broken rectangular tables, resulting in less tables available.  
Sarah is working on updating the quickbooks account. The current rate is \$100/month for 12 months. After 12 months the price increases to \$200/month. This comes with an online membership but requires a guarantor for credit check. Amy or Kelsey will take care of this. Conversion part will be complex. Sarah is working to get all accounts transferred over for all accounts. We will be maintaining one account for all accounts.
14. Crisis Management Team: Please review old policy and update.
15. Superintendents: Ben Parcher is the new poultry super. He is currently working on fair book changes. Chuck and Brent have the swine scan lined up.
16. Volunteer Coordinator: No update.

Correspondence: No Update

Old Business:

1. Next district meeting is at Franklin County on March 26, 2023. Renee and Kiersten will be in attendance.
2. Donations in the building fund for John H memorial and Brinkmans to buy a picnic table. These will be ordered in March. The board determined a permanent spot for the picnic table is not required. It can be set out as needed. The complaint at the annual meeting was a lack of seating. 9 additional picnic tables have been reserved from Aredale.
3. Ivan sent pictures of the Mike Molstead Amphitheater. A few things will be changed and then visiting with Mike on totals. Should have an update by the February board meeting if it's a go or not.

New Business:

1. It was reported there is a broken tile in the horse arena. Kurt said it may not be broken but plugged. It's a perforated tile so the sand clogs it. Schaefer's should know where the tile is located. They are retiring so we need to call now. Board agreed it was ok for Ryan Schrader to look at the tile. It was asked that Mike touch base with Ryan.

2. Amy submitted three new grant for bleacher seating and hopes to hear back in March or April. The cost is \$22,319/bleacher. 1 is paid for already. It would be around \$90,000 for 4 sets.

Motion made by Kurt to adjourn. Seconded by Renee, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Next meeting: February 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Merriss