

FFA Foundation Board Meeting
New York State Fairgrounds
February 24, 2007

The February 24, 2007 FFA Foundation Board meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by Chairperson William Stowell with the following members present; Art Berkey, John Fessenden, Vicky Gregory, Terry Hughes, Allison Jones-Brimmer, Donna Moore, Bruce Rohr, and Bert Spaeth. Members absent were Chike Nnabugwa and Travis Park. Also present was Nancy Colgan (Warwick Valley agriculture teacher), Todd Lighthall, FFA Foundation Administrator, and Bill Ransom, Program Director.

The invocation was lead by Bert Spaeth.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with as they had been emailed to all members previous to the February meeting.

Treasurer's report was handed out and explained by Todd Lighthall. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Bruce Rohr to accept the FFA Foundation Financial report. Motion carried 8-0. The Oswegatchie Educational Center financial report was given by Todd Lighthall. Motion by John Fessenden, seconded by Bert Spaeth to accept the report. Motion carried.

Consideration of the agenda: Todd Lighthall needs to leave by 11:30 am and would like to do his reports early. John Fessenden would like times on the agenda in the future.

Todd Lighthall gave the Foundation Administrator report. Motion by Allison Jones-Brimmer, seconded by John Fessenden to accept the report. Motion carried 8-0.

Standing Committee reports:

Todd Lighthall and Bill Ransom gave the sponsoring committee report. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Allison Jones-Brimmer to accept the report. Motion carried 8-0

Vicky Gregory and Todd Lighthall gave the Oswegatchie Educational Center report. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by John Fessenden to adopt the Long Range Plan committee report. The report included having Todd Lighthall deal with immediate safety concerns in regards to the Widrick building at FFA Camp Oswegatchie and be able to use up to \$20,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the repairs. The report also directed the Long Range Plan committee to proceed with the feasibility study with a priority list. Motion carried 8-0.

Other Reports:

Allison Jones-Brimmer gave the FFA committee report. Motion by Allison Jones-Brimmer, seconded by Bert Spaeth to accept the report. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 am.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 pm.

Bill Stowell gave the chairperson's report. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by John Fessenden to accept the report. Motion carried.

Donna Moore gave the State Education, Agriculture Outreach and Cornell University reports. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Bruce Rohr to accept the reports. Motion carried 8-0.

Terry Hughes gave the postsecondary report. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Allison Jones-Brimmer to accept the report. Motion carried 8-0.

Art Berkey gave the Fundraising committee report. Motion by Art Berkey, seconded by Terry Hughes to adopt the Fundraising committee report, funding plan, and timeline. Motion carried 8-0.

Unfinished Business:

The Foundation Policy Handbook isn't done.

Guest: John Sterling from Ivy Partners introduced himself to the group. He explained what they will try to do for the foundation.

John Fessenden handed out the 2007 Oswegatchie Education Center and Foundation budgets. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Terry Hughes to adopt the Oswegatchie Education Center 2007 budget. Motion carried 8-0. Motion by Bruce Rohr, seconded by Vicky Gregory to adopt the 2007 Foundation budget. Motion carried 8-0.

Communications and Bills: None

New Business:

Motion by Vicky Gregory, seconded by John Fessenden to adopt the slate of officers. Art Berkey suggested that there be nominations from the floor. William Stowell asked for further nominations, there were no further nominations. Motion by Art Berkey, seconded by Bert Spaeth to close nominations and for the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers. Motion carried 8-0.

There was no seating of new directors. Motion by Terry Hughes, seconded by Art Berkey to have John Fessenden be seated in the Agriculture Leadership position and Bert Spaeth in the Open seat on the FFA Foundation board of directors. Motion carried 8-0. Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Vicky Gregory to recognize Patrick Hooker for his past director membership on the FFA Foundation board at Cornell University on April 3, 2007. Motion carried.

William Stowell thanked Dr. Art Berkey for his large donation to the foundation. Members present clapped in recognition of Dr. Berkey's donation.

Possible dates for the National FFA Foundation training are May 10, 17, and 19, 2007.

Motion by John Fessenden, seconded by Bert Spaeth to adopt the proposed articles of endowment per William Stowell's email. (Bill Stowell will come up with the clarification of this motion.) Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Bert Spaeth, seconded by Donna Moore to have the allowable balance of the endowment dividends be distributed to fund FFA awards. Motion carried 8-0.

Future FFA Foundation meeting dates:

May 4, 2007 at 9 am at the State FFA convention

July 9, 2007 at FFA Camp, October 13, 2007 at FFA Camp

October 13, 2007 at FFA Camp

February 22, 2008 at Farm Show

Motion to adjourn by Vicky Gregory, seconded by John Fessenden. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Vicky Gregory, Secretary