



Rice Lake FFA Alumni - Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2011

Members in attendance: Mike Richter, Mark Gargulak, Norb Pintens, Lisa Barta, Amber Gonske

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Pintens presented Mark Gargulak & family with an Outstanding FFA Alumni Award plaque.
- Mark updated on the nut & bolt sale which went well, special thanks to Don Svacina who put a lot of effort into this year's sale. Many donations instead of sales made this year as well.
- Mr. Pintens updated on agriculture classes for next year~ he will teach 7 sessions of Agriculture and 5 industrial arts next year. Classes have an average of 28 students, will be a tight fit in his classroom.
- Mr. Pintens updated on FFA Advisor position as well. He is non-renewed for next year but both Ms. Odden and he have officer teams in place and ready to go if/ when an Advisor is hired. His contract runs out June 30, but he plans to continue without pay if advisor position is not filled.
- An informal Treasurer's Report was given by Mike

NEW BUSINESS:

- No FFA Alumni scholarships were awarded this year due to lack of applicants.
- Milk machine
 - Over 5,000 sales since August 30, 2010.
 - Will run over the summer with milk shakes since they are good for 2-3 months.
 - Amber brought it to attention to make sure machine is well stocked for drum corp stay at the high school in early August.
- Two high school students will be leaving June 20th for the Washington Leadership Conference.
 - The cost is \$870/ per student.

- Both students received \$100 from the Lions Club.
- Lisa moved to split the \$900 Pfizer scholarship between the students to help pay. Mike seconded it and the motion carried, so each student will receive \$450.

- State Convention starts tomorrow and 2 Rice Lake students will attend.
- The FFA Tractor Driving contest on June 21 will be attended by Justin Kilcoyne and Jake Kreuger.
- The land judging contest at Farm Technology Days is in conflict with the Barron County Fair this year, but there may be students who will compete if it works out.
- Fair entries are online this year and several students will show through the FFA including a couple beef, hogs, fish taxidermy, canoe paddles and possibly others.
- Amber suggested the Alumni put together an informational booth on the Alumni in the future.
- A motion was made & carried to sponsor the Amy Wahlstrom sheep showmanship award again for \$35.
- Mr. Pintens plans to do some flower beds in front of the barns at the fairgrounds and it was recommended to him to recruit Master Gardeners to help in keeping them up.
- Mike mentioned an upcoming State Council Meeting September 16-17.
- Mr. Pintens reported that this year the Chili Feed is scheduled for October 7 which is the Homecoming game!

The next FFA Alumni Meeting will be Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Perkins.