Groton Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

March 25, 2019

People present: Dan Carey, Sallee Ten Eyck, Jason Oliver, Art Berkey, Marty Slade, Mary Osgood, Fay Benson, Callen Space, Derek Hill, Melissa Hill, Nick Darling, Monica Carey

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Approved Minutes of January 28, 2019

Art wanted to clarify that Tompkins Co Farm Bureau will support 5 students to go to other training than just Oswagotichie camp as was written in January 28th minutes.

Treasure’s report: Sallee submitted a balance of $1466.88

Jason has 11 students signed up to go to the NYSFFA Convention on Friday May 3rd in Syracuse, NY.

NYSFFA Convention looking for volunteers and judges, to signup go to the website:[www.nysffa.org/state-convention](http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention) and email Derek Hill (dhill@cornell.edu) for more information. Convention days are May 2nd thru May 4th.

Jason is planning Ag classes and STEAM Lab classes for next fall.

Jason and FFA students and Building Trades are working on building and getting the High Tunnel Greenhouse up and running. Jason’s wife has found some benches for the greenhouse.

The FFA students are going to grow pumpkins on the Houston farm for fundraising project.

Jason will start the paperwork to create an FFA chapter starting date of July 1st.

Jason will be starting day old pheasants to raise in the fall for release in the area. The building and trade students will help to build a coop.

Jason would like a list of Agribusiness in the area and contact numbers, to visit and support of the Ag programs.

Jason has applied for Ag Education Teacher Scholarships to help pay for his training.

Discussion held on different ideas for fundraising will still do corn roast at Old Home Days in August.

Next meeting is set for June 10th at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned