Agriculture Advisory minutes Oct 16

Present: Dan Carey, Jason Oliver, Marty Slade, Art Berkey, Derek Hill, Melissa Hill, Monica Carey

Meeting called to order 6:05PM

Minutes of 7/22/19 accepted

Treasures Report: beginning balance $1365.88

 $-360.00 Hatfield Catering

 $+583.00 raised from FFA lunch

 $-131.00 National FFA banner

 $+258.71 Corn Roast

 Ending Balance $1716.59

Art reported: Farm Bureau gave $1000 to the Southern Tier Food Bank. Jr and Sr students can become Farm Bureau members free of charge.

Jason reported: Ag classes went to visit Cobleskill and Alfred St for Ag activates and contests also visited TC3’s farm.

Future visits: Game farm at Cornell, Animal Health Diagnosis Lab, Dr. Lynch from Cornell coming to speak to students about opportunities working in the veterinarian field. Jason would like name and phone numbers of people and places for Ag students to visit or speakers to come and talk to the students.

Offer scholarships to students to help pay for college credits at Morrisville College in the Animal Sciences curriculum: have students fill out applications then write an essay or come and speak to the Ag Advisory board explaining why they are interested in the scholarships. Need ideas for fund raising to help pay for scholarships.

 High tunnel will be up and running in spring students plan to sell plants and flowers to the public.

Need to come up with list of opportunities for students to get training ~1 hour commitment or more per week to meet SAE requirements. They can give a talk on what they have learned in the classroom. Can be a paid or volunteer position.

FFA has 12 students attending meetings. The students have made $350.00 from pumpkin sales so far. Students want to raise funds to buy FFA jackets. Derek said there is an online application to get 10 jackets free as we are a new chapter. Derek felt we could spend $600.00 for 10 more jackets and all Ag Advisory members in attendance were in agreement. Derek is contributing $100.00 to pay for new jackets. Students going to the State Convention will need jackets.

Corn roast will need Health Dept permits if we move across the road next year. Would like to thank Callan Space and family and Turek farms for the corn.

Students would like to do a dinner. Lots of discussion on doing an evening dinner and farmers challenge. Trivial questions would be about Agriculture in Groton. Several FFA chapters do this with success. Melissa and Jason will work together to figure out a date (possibly February 22), venue and food. Will need to meet to finalize dinner next meeting date is scheduled for Jan 8th.

Adjourn at 7:45PM