

## Ag Advisory Meeting

May 26, 2020

Members Present: Dan Carey, Sallee TenEyck, Marty Slade, Jason Oliver, Callan Space, Derek Hill, Sophia Darling, Monica Carey

Meeting open at 6:10PM (Covid10 restricted meeting to 10 people with social distancing enforced)

Discussion election of officers as written in the By Laws

Treasures report:

Farmer Challenge:

Sale of 138 tickets: \$3450

Donations: \$3785

Silent Auction: \$2079

Total: \$9314

Catering Cost: \$-1500

Final total raised from the Farmer Challenge: \$7814

Sallee said FFA Chapter had received donations in memory of Gordon Hoy of \$105.00

Final balance as of 5/18/20: \$8672.67

Jackson Slade is writing thank you notes for the donations in memory of Gordon Hoy.

People heard good things about the Farmer Challenge. Discussion followed should we hold a summer farmers challenge, and places that would accommodate a larger group of people.

Sophia felt the board needs to be more transparent with the By Laws and 999N information. It was decided to hold a zoom meeting to discuss with the whole board present and election of officers.

Jason will set up a Webpage for the Groton FFA chapter.

Melissa has created a list of FFA alumni and friends

Jason received a grant from Agricultural Literacy “Hive Minded/Learning with Bees” project goal for \$884.00. This will be used to establish a Honeybee Colony and create educational displays for elementary and junior & senior high schools, and create a short educational video about the school Apiary. Agricultural students will develop and instruct Honey Bee lessons for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students with Lisa Sharpe’s help.

Jason is working to put a drip irrigation system in the high tunnel greenhouse and the community garden. He would like to remove the boxes that are in the garden and make it one garden.

SAE: Steam students are working on their research papers and career plans. Jason is looking to get list of job opportunities for the students

Derek commented that National FFA has cancelled everything until Aug.

Jason said FFA students have a hard time getting interested during zoom meetings. Jason tries to have a zoom meeting weekly but the students are not very involved. Jackson Slade trying to find a common ground for the students for social media. Callan’s family is donating land to start growing pumpkins plans on planting an acre of land.

Future fund raising ideas discussion:

Groton Old Homes Days are still on for Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> we could work in conjunction with the car club and antique tractor group and sell chicken, salt potatoes and roasted corn.

Next meeting will be a zoom meeting that Jason will set up for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to discuss election of officers, (By Laws state elections must be held yearly).