Ag Advisory Meeting

June 30, 2020

Members Present: Dan Carey, Sallee TenEyck, Marty Slade, Jason Oliver, Art Berkey, Callan Space, Derek Hill, Melissa Hill, Sophia Darling, Fay Benson, Monica Carey

Meeting open at 6:00PM

Thanked Sallee for allowing the meeting to be help at the Brewery. (Covid19 restrictions enforced).

Election of new Officers:

President: Marty Slade (Dan made the motion Art 2nd all in favor)

Vice President: Derek Hill (Art made the motion Sallee 2nd all in favor)

Treasure: Sallee TenEyck (Derek made the motion Art 2nd all in favor)

Secretary: Melissa Hill (Marty made the motion Monica 2nd all in favor)

Thanks expressed to Dan for his leadership getting the Ag program up and running.

Treasures report: $8672.67

Sallee reported there have been no change in the treasure report since last month.

Discussion on how to distribute money received in memory of Gordon Hoy (student’s jackets or award to students) possibly have a member of the Hoy family present this.

Teacher report:

Jason was appointed Chair of Science Department

Jason is on the committee for reopening schools there are 4 plans that are being consider.

Dan and Jason meet with Dave Galton (Owner of Old Chatham Cheese milk plant) in early March. Dave Galton would like to work with students to help them get a start in their career by offering work to them. Dave is very interested in helping to send students to FFA State Convention and sending students to Oswegatchie.

FFA students Jackson Slade and Kennedy Mayo are helping Jason in the garden, they have removed all the boxes and made it an open garden. Also, working on installing irrigation system in the greenhouse.

Jason has set up a webpage for the Groton FFA chapter [GrotonFFA.org](http://GrotonFFA.org) also will look into setting up a webpage for Alumni and Friends.

Callan has started pumpkins and sweet corn, and Houston Family have started pumpkins for FFA students to sell for fund raising. Discussion on other ideas for funding raising Fay is going to check with town on holding an antique tractor show and selling chicken bbq.

23 students are receiving Camp-o in the box which is part of Oswegatchie retreat summer camp program for the month of June (which is not on site with the COVID restrictions). The Groton School will help to pay for the Camp-o in the box, Derek suggested students that receive the boxes should send thank you notes to the school for helping to sponsor the project.

Art discussed Oswegatchie FFA camp and how they have made improvements to the kitchen and dining areas through donations from different FFA organizations and state and private sponsors. Oswegatchie FFA camp offers opportunities for FFA students around the state. Groton Advisory Board donated $250 to make improvements (we were just getting advisory board started) if we donate $750 more our Groton FFA chapter will have a plaque with Groton FFA on the wall at the retreat. Art proposed we donate $750.00, Derek 2nd and all were in favor to donate the $750.00.

Sophia felt we need to be open on webpage receiving donations and where donations are going.

Next meeting date: August 4, 2020 at 6:00PM to be held at Summer Hill Brewery.