**GROTON NY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**May 12, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Sallee Teneyck

Monica Carey

Jason Oliver

Martin Slade

Dan Carey

Melissa Hill

Kathy Howard

**Meeting Started at 6pm**

**Treasure Report:**

Balance $7,542.67

**Ag board sponsored scholarship for graduating seniors:**

Sallee has the scholarship form from the school. The board agreed to sponsor the four graduating seniors. Students will apply by submitting an essay about their experience from their involvement in FFA and their future plans.

The scholarship will be for $250 this year and the hope is to formalize the process for next year with a larger award. Students should submit the essay by June 4.

**Annual Adirondack Duck Race:**

The race was on April 25 and the Groton FFA Chapter earned $270 to use at Camp Oswegatchie. The district will be paying for 10 students to go to camp this summer. The $270 earned from the race will be given to the students to use at the camp store.

**NYS FFA Convention:**

State convention going on now, a few Groton students participating.

Convention will be at Syracuse next year.

**FFA Membership Dues:**

Ag board made motion and approved to pay $200 in FFA membership dues.

**Mission statement:**

Jason collecting input from the board:

Supporting students, supporting our community, supporting the FFA advisor

**Old Home Days, Car Show, and BBQ:**

Fay Benson has been in touch with the Groton Cruisers Car Club, they offered to partner with our group for their car show on Conger Blvd. We would use the small parking lot across from Baker Millers to have a group of antique tractors and a food stand.

Sallee getting us a food permit. The cruisers offered us to use their portable bar-b-q trailer. Tentatively suggesting we serve chicken spiedie sandwiches and roasted sweet corn.

The Old Home Days are the weekend of August 26-28

FFA Float is in the works for the parade.

More to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Heated Green house:**

A budget of 25K was established for the project, a budget should be finalized soon so that items can be purchased before the end of the school year. The green house will be 16x20, possible a little bigger. Marty has been in contact with local contractors and has already received some generous offers for materials.

Board may supply equipment for the green house, but the school will purchase the structure.

**Summer farm tours:**

Start thinking about options, tours should be educational but also a great opportunity for students to get together and interact over the summer. Large scale & small farms too.

**Instructor update:**

Cargill donation to be used for calves housing & national convention

9th grade students were successful with breeding the rabbits so now they have bunnies in the classroom. Students showed the rabbits and won blue ribbon at a 4H competition.

**Election of Officers:**

Martin Slade -President

Monica Carey-Vice president

Kathy Howard-Secretary

Sallee Teneyck- Treasure

**Next Meeting:** June 9 at 6pm at Summerhill Brewery