

Minutes of December 19, 2019 Board Meeting

Attended: R. Kemmerick, C. Kernler, Dawn Littleton, E. Pfannkoch, B. Nigon, S. Powers, R. Yaeger

Guests present: Walt Nigon

Agenda Items: Meeting held at Barb Nigon's home. Wonderful food was provided by Barb!

- 1) Secretary's report: Nov 2019 minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer report: Barb reviewed deposits and bills from September through December 2019.

Old Business

1. Speakers for January 26th meeting. Stephanie Hatzenbichler, Rochester Environmental Education Specialist, will speak about Lawns & Legumes program at our Annual mtg this year.
2. 4-H award. Barb also asked that the board approve the donation of a T-shirt to the student who won the 4-H plaque for the PS category. **Motion:** to send free T-shirt. Passed. Barb requested that we continue this program - it requires a \$20 donation to 4-H. Board agreed.
3. New webmaster: Ways to get the need out there were discussed. Compensation is negotiable.

New Business

4. Housekeeping. Barb reviewed various details such as transfer of PO Box keys, safety deposit box keys and transfer of those responsibilities to new officers. Annual food expenses for meeting were discussed. **Motion:** to allocate funds for this based on receipts. Passed. Ed suggested that we put an All American Co-op in Stewartville scholarship offer for students in SE MN who want to pursue an education in agriculture on our web page. **Motion:** that we put this offer on our new web page. Passed.
5. Pollinator programs: Lawns to Legumes program offers reimbursement to those who are willing to put in a prairie patch in their yards. Ed made suggestion that we give money to those who may not be willing to put up the funds to do this. Complications discussed. Dawn then suggested that we simply offer a grant ourselves to those who submit a budget plan to put in a prairie. Dawn will ask if PS can be a L2L partner and consider financing those who did not get funded. Details will be fleshed out later. We might be able to provide signs to those who already have prairies and are ineligible for L2L. Durable signs can be had for \$15 apiece. Long discussion ensued. **Motion:** to follow up these ideas but not present them at the annual meeting. Passed.
6. PS Candidate slate for 2020. Dawn previously offered to take over the Presidency and Barb said she was happy with that. Chuck nominated Ed as VP, and he accepted. Ruthann nominated Ryan for Treasurer earlier, and he is willing to do this. Ruthann agreed to continue as Secretary. This will be our slate for the Annual meeting Jan 26th. **Motion:** to accept this slate. Passed
7. Frank Bowers award: Ryan asked if we could give a membership to Frank Bowers wife Nan. Board agreed to give a one year membership to Nan and let her indicate her interest in the future.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: January 26th at Chatfield Library.

R. Yaeger, sec'ty