

Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 12th, 2024

President: Bill Locker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Bill Locker.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Ron Chambers, Justin Durkin, Mikayala Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King,
Bill Locker, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest,
Bob Shahan, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling, David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn,
Debra Tournoux, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent:

Guest: Tyler Parker

Secretaries Report:

-Minutes from Wednesday board meeting was presented.

Motion 24-71: Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Cindi V
seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- May's Treasurers report was presented to the board.

Motion 24-72 : Kevin K motioned to approve the May Treasurer's report as presented. Danny S
seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

-We were not included in the State budget, we will need to submit second request to commissioners for items not on the first request.

Office Report:

- Buyer's letter received are posted in the office.

- We were chosen as a featured event for the PigSkin Pals Adventure Pass (PigSkin is the VisitCanton mascot). We don't need to do anything. It is a digital pass that families use to check in at events and earn points. These points are then used for exclusive Pigskin prizes and parties. They have also reached out to try to schedule Pigskin to come on Kids' Day during the fair.

- Cleaning company stopped by: Red Beard Services (Based near Dayton, Ohio). They are interested in bidding for cleaning during the fair and wanted to let the board know. They do 8 other fairs in Ohio

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Meat & Greet is this week.

- June 22 Goat Clinic

- Starting on inventory review, making sure equipment is in good working order.

- Concrete is done in beef barn.

Old Business:

- We received the quote from Patterson regarding Port-a-johns and shower trailer rentals. We are awaiting a quote from one more company. It will be brought up at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Mobility scooter rental: A local company reached out wanting to provide scooter and wheelchair rental during fair week.
 - Will reach out regarding percentage of sales to be included in contract.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Nothing to report.

Budget:

- Nothing to report.

Building & Grounds:

- Minutes June's meeting were presented.
- Update on BellStores Arena building addition.

Motion 24-73: Ron C motioned to approve the minutes from June's Building and Grounds meeting. Dave S seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Dave Bichsel, Grounds Supervisor, is not doing well and is now at home under hospice care.

Motion 24-74: Kevin K Motion to approve a purchase Dave B a gift card for \$100. Ron C seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed

Capital Campaign/Building Plans:

- Nothing to report.

Constitution & ByLaws:

- Nothing to report.

Junior Fair:

- Tag in numbers: 125 dairy feeders, 315 hogs, 119 goats, 26 rabbit roasters, 122 lambs,
- Rule changes to codes for livestock, revised code needs to be put in fair book, but only the url needs to be in.
- Stark County Rabbits: lost 2 members, looking for new members,

PR & Advertising

- Facebooks ads for exhibition hall.

Privilege:

- Nothing to report.

Entertainment:

- Ticket count update.
- UpChurch concert - went well.
- Pavilion schedule has been completed for the fair book.
- Entertainment schedule has also been completed for fair book.

Speed Committee:

- 5 walkie talkies will be needed.

Ticket Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Human Resources:

- Need to have a meeting regarding hiring a new Building & Grounds supervisor.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- New doors coming & new lights are installed.
- Pasta art is back.

Exhibition Hall:

- Vendors coming in.

Grandstand Galleria:

- coming together, talked with Lehman. Working on finalizing contracts.

Agricultural Building (Farm Bureau):

- Good.

Grange:

- New lights have been installed and new concrete has been poured for the north section of the grange.

4H Building:

- Repair work is scheduled for end of July / beginning of August.
- New lock for garage door.

Wildlife Building:

- Contract is in.

Outside Food & Games:

- Coming along.
- Local company is bringing in arcade machines for in McKinley building.

Commissary:

- Good.

Jr Fair Camping:

- 60% of last year campers have returned contracts.
- Director's spots need to fill out contract so we need to know who is back there.
- Late fee's for those who missed deadline and still need to camp. Currently, camping payments are closed.

Concession and Commercial Camping:

- Nothing to report.

Beef Cattle:

- Work day last week.
- Finalizing judge's contract

Dairy Cattle:

- Nothing to report.

Goats:

- Nothing to report.

Ponies:

- Good

Draft Horses:

- Looking at judges, and have ring steward,

Poultry:

- Nothing to report.

Rabbits:

Motion 24-75: Jill S motioned to hire 6 Jr Fair Rabbit judges for showmanship & shows over 3 days not to exceed \$1,325. To hire 3 Open Class Rabbit judges for shows over 3 days not to exceed \$925. Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Sheep:

- Good

Swine

Motion 24-76: Sarah Y motioned to hire 2 judges for shows during fair, not to exceed \$1100. Kevin K seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Gates:

- Some things needed clarification within the contract.

Parking

- Nothing to report.

Police:

-Nothing at this time.

Jr Fair Horses:

- Nothing

Truck & Tractor Pull:

-Nothing to report.

Background Checks:

- Will be auditing what we received.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Marlinton Horticulture donated 11 flats of petunias. They will be planted around the grounds.

Rides:

- Working out details for Kissel Cares.

Shuttles:

- Good.

Technology:

- Letter to resubmit to commissioners regarding security and computers.

Motion 24-77: Travis S motioned to purchase a new laptop, docking station and monitors for the secretary, not to exceed \$2500. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Have sponsor for Truck & Tractor pulls.
- Potential sponsor for Demolition derby.

Church:

- Good.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Looking into reaching out to the area fire departments / EMS to see if they would like to help.
- Farm Fire safety clinic: Noon on June 14 in Art Hall.

BlueRibbon:

- Online Entries are now open.

Fair Book:

- Will be going to the printers on Thursday.

Golf Cart:

- Nothing to report.

175th Anniversary:

- Link to merchandise is on the website.

Any Other Business for The Good of The Society or Fair:

- Jr fair promotions committee would like to use the fair board office on July 25 for Royalty interviews.

- Picnic in July: Jr Fair Committees and Sr. Fair Board, commissioners and past fair Board members in good standing. July 10th with the Jr Fair to bring desserts and Sr Fair board brings sides.

Motion 24-78: Jill S motioned to have a Picnic on July 10 at 5:30PM with the Sr Fair Board meeting at 7:30PM. Cindi V seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

Motion 24-79: Jill S Motioned that the picnic committee purchase up to \$500 for needed food and supplies for the Board Picnic. Cindi V. Seconded with all voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 24-80: Danny S motioned to start a Stark County Agriculture Hall of Fame with a committee to oversee it and a nomination form. The first year, the board or committee is to submit nominations, after that nominations will be accepted from outside of board. The Committee is to be: Jill M, Debra T, Jill S & Danny S. Jill S seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed.

- Bob S. - This will be my last meeting. Will be moving to Florida at the end of the month.

Motion 24-81: Travis S motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron C seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

William Locker

Board President

Crystal Bean

Board Secretary

Approved on _____

* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2024 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.