



## **Suffield Friends, Family and Alumni Association Meeting Minutes**

### **September 12, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

**Attendance:** Laurie LaFlamme, Lauren Kaplan, Ken manzer, JoAnn Mascena, Tony Mascena, Theresa Ekstrom, Cheryll Howell, Kaylee Howell, Diane Becker, Renay Emmanuele, Jackie Duncan, Avery Becker, Kandance Royce, Karly Butler, Jessica Navarro-Gilmore, Sara Hornig; online Stephanie Lepage, Joan Reyes, Michaela ??

#### **I. Call to order at 6:33pm**

#### **II. Student Report**

- a. Avery Becker, president & Kandance Royce, vice-president, Mission to reach out and engage more of our members so they attend events...
- b. Past Events
  - i. Leadership Team Retreat
  - ii. COLT, Combined Officer leadership Training, met with other officers across the state
  - iii. Welcome Back Picnic, opportunity for everyone to casually meet
  - iv. Suffield on the Green, booth where corsages were made & given away; fundraiser using the beanie babies ring toss
- c. Future Events
  - i. Duck Pond, landscape design creates a design to compete; construction day is Sept 14
  - ii. Big E FFA CDE competition Sept 16 & 9/17
  - iii. Big E, Sept 30, scavenger hunt, rotations at the floral booth, evening parade
  - iv. Pumpkins for a purpose, fundraiser for a student selected local group/cause
  - v. National Convention, October, AgMechanics is competing
  - vi. State CDE competitions, Nov 3, participation starts this Thursday

#### **III. Officer Reports**

- a. Secretary's Report
  - i. Theresa reviewed the August meeting; Renay made a motion to accept; JoAnn seconded; minutes accepted
- b. Treasurer's Report

- i. JoAnn presented report, balance of \$22,074.87 in checking account; \$6,249.94 in the SAE Loan account.
- ii. Raised \$1095 with Suffield on the Green
- iii. \$490 from apparel at Welcome back Picnic
  - 1. Ken made motion to accept the report, Tony seconded; report was accepted

c. Membership

- i. Ken attended a state meeting in Woodbury and received clarification on alumni annual members
  - 1. Tom DeMarco walked group the system on how to access membership and fees
  - 2. Different grants available, Give Back to Your Roots (up to \$5,000); Legacy Improving Scholarship (\$500), Legacy Alumni Scholarship (\$1,000); September 1; then March & June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June 2023, International FFA trip to Spain & Portugal next year
  - 4. Woodbury has a parent/alumni volunteer form
  - 5. Suffield is the only chapter that doesn't charge for friends, family, and alumni annual membership (~\$25).

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Welcome back picnic
  - i. Merchandise sales
  - ii. Sign ups
- b. Suffield on the green
  - i. Merchandise sales
  - ii. Ring toss game, about 456 available, ~102 left over for next year
    - 1. Will continue for next year with a budget of \$500
  - iii. Corsage making
  - iv. SignUp Genius – is there a way to have a Board signup separate for each event; &/or a way to qualify who volunteer

**V. New Business**

- a. Gift card fundraiser? Dates to run the fundraiser.
  - i. Scripts gift card fundraiser, sell gift cards at face value and earn a certain percentage based on the card
  - ii. Need to cover shipping costs, need ~\$200 to over shipping cost
  - iii. Send home form mid-November, final turn in at the Holiday Sale, receive them back to students Dec 14/15
  - iv. Made ~\$1100
  - v. Look to open with October, then a combined Nov/Dec; then January, and monthly going forward – have a table at parent/teacher conferences to take orders
- b. National convention support

- i. Chapter is requesting support to help students
  - ii. CDE Students \$100 from chapter & \$100 from alumni
  - iii. Star Greenhand Students \$100 from chapter & \$100 from alumni
  - iv. Mission Award Students \$100 from chapter & \$100 from alumni
  - v. American Degree Student \$100 from chapter & \$100 from alumni
  - vi. A student is in need of an additional \$200, motion made by Ken, seconded by Raney; motion passed
  - vii. Ferguson, Waggoner, & Davis are the teachers attending
  - c. Merchandise inventory. Do we need to order more before holiday sale? Raney & Ken will order the following:
    - i. Sweatshirts
      - 1. Large (15)
      - 2. X-Large (20)
      - 3. XX-Large (10)
    - ii. T-Shirts
      - 1. Large (5)
      - 2. X-Large (10)
      - 3. XX-Large (10)
    - iii. Suffield Regional FFA hats
      - 1. Need to find a supplier
      - 2. Etsy (50), look for cost to be ~\$20, sell for \$25
  - d. Other new business
    - i. AgriScience “Barn” dashboard
    - ii. Try to identify a parent town representative as a point of contact to support families in need; listing of families by town; look at identifying 2-3 parents to kick-it off this year (Diane Becker, Granby will spearhead, by class &/or town)
    - iii. Next meeting October 3
    - iv. Jackie Duncan’s sister-in-law is co-owner of Georgetown Cupcakes, offering GCs with shipping for May Silent Auction
- VI. **Adjournment**, motion to adjourn by JoAnn, seconded by Ken, motion passed, adjourned at 8:00pm

- Donate through your annual corporate charitable drives (Example: United Way campaign)
- Amazon smile.

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