

Calhoun County Agricultural & Industrial Society

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 15th, 2014 – Marshall Middle School - 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The December 15th, 2014 Board meeting was called to order by CCAIS Board President, Doug Wildt at 7:00 pm at Marshall Middle School.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vic Parker.

Attendance with Roll Call was conducted by Megan Harvey.

Present: Doug Wildt, Jim Olds, Tom Carr, Susan Baldwin, Amanda Shreve, Steven Benham, Nick Collier, Hope Horton, Vic Parker, Vic Potter, Shirland Redfield. All present.

Secretary's report of the November 17, 2014 minutes was given. Having no changes requested, motion was made by Amanda Shreve, supported by Shirland Redfield to file the minutes as presented, vote was all in favor to file the Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Harvey provided the treasurer's report. She presented the balance sheet and discussed various line items. A few premium checks have still not cleared. She also noted that the Museum recently replaced the furnace. Megan Harvey also reviewed the P & L statements. Since some additional financial information still is expected to come in, the reports were tabled until the January Board meeting.

Harvey next presented the 2015 budget report. She noted that the budget was built on only two years of actual numbers. The financials will be more accurate as we have more years of data. The Board discussed entry fees for 2015. No final decision was made on fees. Harvey then discussed the expense figures for the budget. Board members asked clarifying questions. After discussed, Vic Potter moved to approve the budget as presented. Steven Benham seconded. Vote was all in favor to approve the budget as presented.

Public Comment - requested for any agenda items. None.

Old Business:

1. **Annual Meeting** – Megan Harvey reported that the 120 day report to the state has been prepared. Attendance at the Annual Meeting was 320.
2. **Superintendent Committee** – Hope Horton announced new superintendents: Pam Woods – Open Antiques, Shelly Densmore – Open Culinary Arts, Melvin Banfield – Open Floral Hall Manager, Amanda Shreve – Open Youth 3-7, Nancy Gallant – Youth Dogs. Horton also announced vacancies remaining and the deadline for applying. Vacancies are: Open Floriculture, Youth Ceramics and Youth Educational Exhibits.

A question was asked about the 3-7 year old class and how awards would be given. Hope Horton explained that it will be a competitive event and not all participants will receive a ribbon. There will still be a participation-only group where everyone receives a ribbon. The class will be judged in age category by the same judge as handles the other classes.

New Business:

1. **Board Officers and Vacancy** – Doug Wildt announced that Bill DeSmet had resigned from the Board. Wildt noted that the Board has the authority under the Bylaws to appoint someone to the open seat. The Board selected Vic Potter to fill the vacant seat. Wildt explained the process the Board used – looking to the recent Annual Meeting and the candidate who had received the next highest number of votes in the election of Board members, since the vacancy occurred so close to the Annual Meeting.

Doug Wildt also announced the new Board Officers: Doug Wildt – President, Jim Olds – First Vice President, Tom Carr – Second Vice President, Susan Baldwin – Secretary, Amanda Shreve – Treasurer.

Events and Committee Reports:

- a. 4H Council – Marilyn Letts – the Council held the Leaders banquet on Dec 4.
- b. FFA Report – Amanda Shreve reported that Marshall FFA held its banquet. The Marshall chapter may be the oldest in the state. The first year that a group could enroll was 1928 and Marshall joined in 1929. The adult chapter has been in existence for 40 years.
- c. Floral Hall Building – John Taylor – no report.

- d. Houston School – Bonnie Rocco - no report.
- e. Maple Grove Church – Margaret Taylor reported that the Christmas program will be Dec 21 and should be a lovely show.
- f. Electrical – Phil Smith – stated that there is nothing new to report.
- g. Marketing Committee – Megan Harvey reported that the website is up and running. She is looking for feedback and asked members to check the website out. Harvey indicated it would be possible to do an email blast to members on the Cornwell lunch fundraiser. Harvey also stated that the first round of the Fair Book changes is now available for review.
- h. Sponsorships – Megan Harvey - no report.
- i. Operation Committee – Vic Parker – no report.
- j. Cruise the Fountain – Lesley Parker reported that a new banner has been ordered to replace the one damaged in the summer storm.
- k. Fair Museum – Lesley Parker reported that a new furnace had been installed in the museum.

PUBLIC COMMENT – three minute time limit and one opportunity to speak.

None.

BOARD COMMENTS –

Vic Potter shared a 5-year plan update. The committee has been looking at the possibility of advice from CSM (a construction management firm) or a similar group to help with planning. Potter noted that the committee may have CSM do a presentation to the Board.

Susan Baldwin shared an update on the Fair Manager search. The Search Committee interviewed candidates on Dec. 12 and selected two finalists who will be interviewed by the Board in January.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Vic Potter, seconded by Nick Collier, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.