MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2022 MEETING

Brian Pinchart called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Present were Brian Pinchart, Becky Grabarski, Steve Schank, Jake Cramer, Tim Heeg, Sandy Dykes, Kathy Hartmann-Breunig, Cheryl Zimmerman and virtually was Kristin Hanson.

Motion made by Sandy Dyke/second by Tim Heeg to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board was given Cheryl Zimmerman’s reports in advance for review and Brian asked if there were any questions on the reports. With no questions, Cheryl additionally reported 288 registered for this weekend’s Half-Time Conference at a $5 fee for students only and not advisors. Looking at Edge and Fire Conference being held in conjunction in Green Bay with no overnight. State rates went up in January 2022. Sandy Dykes inquired about the Farm Forum fees for advisors. Cheryl will look into it and report back as the students love Farm Forum. Cheryl reported bringing on board with each having a $500 base, Joe Schlies to do technical work on the website and Grant Staszak to do registration fees. Discussion was held on fees and FFA magazine timing.

Becky reported the shared google drive is loaded and Kathy can add additional things that are currently in there. This is a public drive so only items that are public should be shared in the drive.

Motion made by Jake Cramer/second by Sandy Dykes, to raise the WI FFA Center fees from $350 to $400 starting in the fall of 2022-23 school year. Motion carried. Brian will send to the board for editing, a draft letter to be sent to the Chapters by February 15, notifying them of the increase for budget purposes.

Cheryl reported giving Terry Berenk a wage increase to $17/hour. Cheryl reported new advisors do not understand how State Degree judging is done. Last year Cheryl Steinbach assisted with American Degree judging. Cheryl asked that insurance be reviewed for budget purposes.

Discussion was held on the new Sustainability Program for the WI FFA Center. Kathy will type the lists up of thoughts and suggestions and put in the shared drive. This will be shared with a new Task Force for the Sustainability Program. First we need to look at the Financial end - a.
Insurance, b. Revenue Streams, c. investments and possible Endowment Fund. Kathy to obtain a list from the Foundation on businesses who support the FFA with a non-profit emphasis and we could pick Task Force members from that list. All information on the financial portion and Task Force member names needed by April meeting.

Motion made by Jake Cramer/second by Tim Heeg, to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Hartmann-Breunig, Secretary