



CO YOUNG FARMERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

**CYFEA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00pm, December 10, 2018
Ben's Brick Oven Pizza, Hudson**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Dave Lieber, Mark Sponsler, Jacqui Larson, Dale McCall, Danica Farnik, Darrell Johnston, and Sharon Pattee.

Absent: Brad Riemenschneider, Julie McCaleb, Kellie Enns, and Mike Womochil.

Guests: Lelyn Larson (CYFEF), and Nancy Sarchet.

Call to Order: The December 2018 CYFEA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:38pm after the meal was ordered, by CYFEA Chairman Dave Lieber. It was noted that a quorum was established. Dave introduced Nancy Sarchet and explained to the group that she had contacted Sharon about starting a new CYFEA Chapter in the Platteville area. Sharon had asked Nancy if she would like to come present to the Board of Directors and she agreed to attend. Nancy then proceeded then to lay out her involvement and plan moving forward and said that she had about 15 – 18 younger people that were interested and that she would act as advisor. She asked the CYFEA Board members present numerous questions and an exchange of ideas was had. Nancy felt that she had received sufficient information to move forward and would let Sharon know when there was a meeting set up for her to come and attend. The Board thanked her for coming and provided encouragement for her efforts.

Approval of the November 2018 Minutes: After Darrell Johnston asked several questions, a motion for approval of the November 2018 Board of Director's meeting minutes was made by Jacqui Larson, with a second from Dale McCall. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

CYFEF Report: Brad Riemenschneider wasn't present to provide an update on the Foundation's latest news/efforts. Lelyn Larson, being present, offered a few small details that he was aware of to date, mainly updating what he and Sharon have put together for the 2019 CO Farm Show CYFEA "Tractor Hours" live auction event on January 31st, in Greeley. He had indicated that a few of the Foundation members were planning to attend on Thursday for the auction and would put in some time at the CYFEA booth in order to possibly capture some sponsorships for their "50 Years, 50 Reasons" fund raising effort.

CYFEA Executive Team Report: Executive Team Chairperson, Jacqui Larson, reported that there was an E-Team teleconference set up earlier in the week, Tuesday, and Naomi Berg, Dale Whittington, and Dave Lieber participated in the call. Tyrell William was on the call briefly, however Shelly Carlson was not. There also wasn't representation from the Fort Morgan Chapter.

Jacqui stated that details for the CYFEA 2019 State Institute were coming together and that the Award Banquet was the primary focus moving forward. She went over how she envisioned the evening's program for Saturday, February 9th. Then also said that the E-Team on the call had talked about helping to staff the CYFEA booth during the CO Farm Show and then moved into discussion about the criteria for the CYFEA Academic Scholarship award and whether some changes needed to be made in order to attract more and better applicants. Jacqui related information that she had found about the CSU academic scholarship award system and felt that some ideas could be taken from them to improve the CYFEA process.

Discussion from the Board of Directors began and ideas were exchanged with some funding clarifications and concerns—particularly whether to allow a scholarship award should leave the state. After some time, it was decided that the subject would be re-visited again in March or April since, as Sharon reminded the group that these changes would affect the 2020 – 2021 academic year, due to the fact that the upcoming 2019 – 2020 criteria has been posted since November.

Lastly, Jacqui said that the E-Team had discussed elections and it was decided that Jacqui would remain as Chairman for one more year and no changes would be made.

Executive Director's Report: Sharon Pattee presented December 31, 2018 CYFEA financial statements to the Board. These financial statements were briefly reviewed and discussed, and then a motion was made by Jacqui Larson to accept them as presented. The motion was so moved by Darrell Johnston, a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Sharon then went over the status of several works-in-process, such as the upcoming Winter 2018 CYFEA newsletter that should be available by January 15th or 16th. She then updated the group as to the 50th Anniversary State Institute's program agenda, the Breakout Session and Luncheon speakers, sponsorship funding received, and registration and hotel reservations that have been made to date.

She then moved to a few more details about the Farm Show "Tractor Hours" that hadn't been covered earlier, with some input from the Board of Directors present. It had been decided to hold the auction inside the Events Center, near the 4Rivers booth. Final confirmation of this change should be had by Monday by the Farm Show Committee, but preliminary approval had been given by Erich Ehrlich.

The idea of partnering with CSU Extension/Brent Young had to be delayed until the next workshop series due to the fact that NJC did not possess the necessary Zoom platform connection as originally thought. Sharon would update the Board as needed and thought that the next series would perhaps be in March or April.

Sharon said that as of the end of January the CYFEA 970 landline number would be cancelled due to the lack of use. This will save the Association about \$25 per month. She also reported that she would not be in town to attend the FFA/Farm Credit Banquet on February 27th and asked if anyone else was planning to go, to let her know and she would RSVP for them. She also said that she had obtained a bid from Mike Macklin/Agrow Design, LLC in regard to the website and asked the Board for approval to move forward with a new CYFEA website design, as the current contract was up for renewal. A motion was made by Dale McCall and seconded by Mark Sponsler to approve the plan to move forward on a new CYFEA website design with Agrow Design. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

CYFEA Chairman's Report: CYFEA Board Chairman, Dave Lieber reminded the Board members about their terms as Directors. Dale McCall said that he didn't think that he'd be able to stay on as a Board member past April. Dave encouraged him to give some thought to a replacement for his position and said that the other academic Board positions that are vacant will be discussed at the March 2019 Board meeting.

Adjournment: The next meeting of the CYFEA will be planned for February 7th at 4:00PM in Durango at the Strater Hotel. The January 2019 CYFEA BOD meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Pattee,
CYFEA Executive Director