



## **DeWitt Central FFA Meeting Minutes: February**

**Opening Ceremonies:** The monthly meeting of the DeWitt Central FFA chapter was held at Remington Seeds on February 12th at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Kaitlin Truelsen at 5:15 p.m.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Read by Adam Wilke.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Rachel Clark. In the month of January, we had two expenses, which were green house seed, and 45 bags of potting soil, and 4 outstanding purchases, which were greenhouse flowers for 2024, FFA chapter website, fertilizer, and the fruit sales reward party. In our activity fund, we had \$44,052.05, which decreased by \$7431.18, leaving us with a total of \$36,620.87. In the alumni account, we had \$18,177.26, which increased by \$1,651 and decreased by \$2,160.74, leaving us with a total of \$17,711.52.

**Reporter's Report:** Given by Hannah Grantz. She finished her reporter's scrapbook and it will be printed soon. She had also made flyers and social media posts for ffa week.

**Special Features:** Remington Seeds Tour

### **Unfinished Business:**

**FFA Week:** National FFA Week will be from February 19th through the 23rd. We have a lot of fun activities planned, including: dress up days, games during canvas (remember to request Mrs. Grantz!), teacher door dash and coffee, farm continuation clinic, drive your tractor to school day, and an FFA member lunch. Make sure you show you FFA spirit by dressing up in accordance with the dress up days.

**World Food Prize Paper:** World food prize papers are due on March 1st. If you are writing a

paper, you will have to present it at Iowa State University on April 29th to receive a \$1000 scholarship. This money is applicable only for ag majors, not including ag engineering. Your papers should be about a problem with the food supply in a country and how to fix it. Talk to Mrs. Grantz or Jenna if you have any questions.

**Alumni Toy/Craft Show:** The alumni toy and craft show will be on March 9th and 10th. You can help set up at the fairgrounds starting at 4:00 on Friday afternoon. You can help clean up Saturday and Sunday afternoon at 2:30. This is a great opportunity for some volunteer hours. You can also get a booth for free if you want to sell your SAE there. Talk to Mrs. GRantz or Steve Diedrich if you are interested.

**Sub Districts:** Sub districts will be on February 19th at Cal Wheat. If you are attending, you will leave at 7:45 from the ag room. You need to wear official dress unless you are competing in welding, in which case you need to bring your equipment. If you are taking a greenhand or chapter quiz, you also need to bring a pencil. You should arrive back at the school before the end of the day, so you will be able to make any after school activities.

**Alumni Report:** The boosters are thinking about making the green house larger, they have talked to the school board and have gotten positive feedback from them. They are also thinking of adding a shed/ garage for more storage, and focusing on making the greenhouse more multi-purpose. Feel free to talk to them about any ideas you might have regarding the greenhouse.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Crops:** N/A

**Ag Trailer:** She is still working on the FFA Unit.

**National FFA Week:** They are finishing up planning for the upcoming FFA Week.

### **New Business:**

**Districts:** Districts this year will be March 9th in Letts, Iowa. This is for anyone who advances past sub districts, and is an official dress event as well. You will leave the school early in the morning and should arrive back later in the day. You will eat lunch there, so make sure you bring money.

**State Leadership Conference:** State convention will be April 14th-16th at Iowa State University. This is for those competing who advance past districts. We may have open spots

depending on how many people advance past districts. If you applied for band and chorus and get accepted, you will go with us as well. We will leave around noon on the 14th and will leave after the last session on the 16th. Contact Mrs. Grantz if you are interested.

**Banquet:** Our chapter banquet will be on Saturday, April 27th at 6:00 in the auditorium. Food will be catered by Mezcal. Your family is welcome to attend, and this is an official dress event. We will hand out awards and degrees and announce the new officer team. Invites will be sent out soon, so make sure to RSVP.

**Boots and Bling, FFA Fling:** Our chapter is planning on doing a dance on March 22nd involving chapters in our sub district. A flier was passed for people to sign up for a committee to plan this event. If you have any questions, talk to Mrs. Grantz or an officer.

**Announcements:** There is one more girls basketball game that the boosters will be helping with concessions. Sign up if you have time. There is also a sign up in the ag room for volunteering at the referral center, as well as one for Washington Leadership Conference. If you want to go to WLC, make sure you are committed and have space in your schedule.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** Monday, March 4th

**Closing Ceremonies:** Officer Team

**Entertainment, Recreation and or Refreshments:** Tour of Remington Seeds and a meal provided by them.