

Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community Minutes
November 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Alethea at 12:15.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting were read. Trudy motioned, Margo seconded that they be approved as read. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Ending balance is \$2,731.15. See attached Treasurers Report for details. Kathy motioned, Trudy seconded that they be approved as read. Motion passed.

One of the topics discussed regarding the Treasurers Report was membership. It was decided that a letter of request for renewal be sent out in January with information about the February meeting.

Old Business:

Recap of Farm to Fiber Festival (FFF) included discussions on the raffle, and cost to vendors. Kathy can continue with the raffle because she will no longer be a vendor. Robin offered to help if Kathy cannot do it.

It was recommended by Stacy that vendors at the FFF be given a break in their costs if they are members of the SSFC. It was recommended that members be charged \$25 while non-members be charged \$35. An application form should be offered non-members.

A gathering after FFF for the vendors is a good idea. Kathy and several vendors met at the West 40 (a restaurant in Park Rapids) afterwards. It is recommended we encourage that. To that end Kathy will make reservations after polling the vendors.

Our presence at the St Louis County Fair was well received. Margo had some "felt in a bag" supplies left. We have been approached to be at the Koochaching Fair.

New Business:

The February Sheep Event will be held in Lamners' Town Hall in Solway again on February 25, 2025. Lunch will be similar to last year; Margo providing a lamb dish, Alethea a salad, Kathy bread and Trudy dessert. Dennis and the

Bellefys did not specify what they would bring.

Three positions will be up for re-election in February: Dennis, Stacy (Instagram) and Margo (Treasurer). All three agreed to serve another term.

Stacy reported we have 134 followers on Instagram.

Gathering Under the Pines: We will continue the program at the Clearwater Life Center in Gonvick. The dates for 2025 are Jan 3, February 7, and March 7. Trudy has reminded all the members of SSFC that this is open to the public, but especially our members.

It was mentioned that the rack cards we did a few years ago were well received and we should explore doing that again.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27. Kelly motioned, Trudy seconded that it be approved. Motion passed.

Non business topics:

Dec 7, is the Holiday Event at The Armory in Park Rapids

Chrissy Davenport has opened a storefront business in Fergus Falls. She was the vendor with wool pellets to be used for fertilizer in gardens and soap.

In Bemidji there is a new yarn/fiber shop called Fiddlesticks on Beltrami Avenue. They also have a “work on projects” gathering on Thursday evenings.

There is another yarn/fiber shop called Yarn Cabin in the Bemidji area.

There is a podcast called Up North Knitting