

SSFC Board Meeting, January 10, 2019, Lukens North, Bemidji, MN

Present: Alethea Kenney, Carrie Jessen, Dennis Engebretson, Trudy Delich, Karen Stormo, and Margo Hanson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Stormo at 1:30 pm.

The minutes from the October 26th meeting were read by Margo Hanson. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Alethea and seconded by Karen. Motion carried.

Alethea Kenney gave the Financial Report as of January 6th, 2019. The balance is \$7,889.95. Alethea described the current duties of the treasurer. She would rather hold a different office. Carrie Jessen is considering taking on the office of Treasurer.

Alethea made the motion that Carrie Jessen be accepted as a board member of the SSFC. Trudy seconded, and all were in favor. Welcome to the SSFC board, Carrie.

Board members discussed the lack of a functioning fibershed in our area. The FFSC is performing many of the functions of a fibershed. It was decided that Alethea would write to the California Fibershed, describing our organization and asking for information on how we might become a fibershed.

The Spring Sheep Event will be held on Feb. 16th. Alethea made copies of flyers for members to post in their communities. Speakers are lined up for the event and interviews of most have been sent to local papers by Alethea. Margo has made several posts on the FFF FaceBook page and listed it as an event. She will continue posting up until the event. Alethea has also put the interviews on the website.

We will hold our annual meeting at the Spring Sheep event. Alethea will give a financial report. Margo will go through the minutes and send Alethea short descriptions of accomplishments for 2018, including the 4H events held previously. Alethea will put a power point together focusing on what we've done and hope to do. Nominations or self-nominations will be solicited for all offices on the Board.

Lunch options were discussed. The local grocery store in Clearbrook didn't seem interested. Karen will see if the local pizza place can provide pizzas for lunch. Trudy will make bars. Dennis is bringing a water container. Karen will check and see if we have enough paper products on hand. Margo will contact Palibicki's and order donuts after registrations have been completed. She will also pick up the donuts on the way to Clearbrook that day. Coffee will be purchased and made by ????? Kathy has volunteered to help where needed, so perhaps coffee could be handled by her.

Trudy will keep the clock so presenters don't go over their allotted time. Alethea will bring new membership forms and brochures. Margo will bring a box of pencils.

It was decided to keep advertising costs down to less than \$500.00, at Alethea's discretion.

Changing the name of the Fosston Fiber Festival was briefly discussed. Alethea proposed the name, Farm to Fiber Festival, which everyone liked. We will begin the process, with the domain name being purchased. This will need to be changed in multiple places, including FaceBook, proceeding as we have time and/or expertise.

Karen will check with the Shepherd's Harvest to see how much an ad would be, putting our fiber festival on their calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15. The next meeting will be set after the Spring Sheep event.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Hanson, Secretary SSFC