

MINUTES
Friends of Agriculture
April 10, 2023

Quorum

- **Board:** Pam Blakeney, Sue Cuzzort, Jeff Hawkins, David Jackson, Sheila Jennings, Glenn Robinson, Laura Robinson, Janet Tiney (phone)
- **Guests:** Dusty Cole & Brantly Mason

Welcome

Minutes – Approved January 9 & March 6 after last meeting failed to meet quorum.

VOTE: Dusty Cole added as a board member by unanimous vote.

FUNDRAISING:

- **Cow Plop (April 28, 11:30am @ Rockmart Chik-fil-A.** Discussed final plans for the event. Jeff H will bring calf from RHS after pre-feeding her hay and water. Laura R will get a check for the winner once the event is over. Glenn, Dusty & Brantley volunteered to set up the area on Friday including the grid and fencing. Laura R will set up a table at Chik-fil-A to get more donations. Tickets were distributed to David J (#81-85), Sheila (#091-0100) and Glenn R (#86-90). Glenn has sold over 50 tickets to date, but we need to be sure all are sold before the event.

Follow-up: The first annual Cow Plop went well. We sold all 100 tickets earning \$10,000. Calf \$4242 did her #2 on the winning square: #002 within the first five minutes. The winning ticket was sold by Glenn Robinson to Chris Robinson who chose to keep the entire winnings (\$5000).

- **Golf Tournament.** Janet T offered to help Michael Ferguson (CHS – FFA) in setting up the event. It was agreed that it should be held in October at Cherokee Country Club. They were supposed to meet to outline the event including things like sponsoring holes (\$100 each), teams of four (\$400), payoffs, volunteer, check in, set up, etc. Jeff H agreed to send Janet T Mikes number to get it started.

Follow-up: Nothing done.

- **GA Power.** Glenn talked to Becky White who said there was interest in supporting us and has passed to corporate level.
- **Ball Foundation.** Laura working on it but needs *short biographies* from each board member.

- **Others in Work.**
 - Setting up a meeting Atrium's new foundation.
 - Tiptop plans to donate \$2500.
 - AgGeorgia Farm Credit (TBD amount).
 - White Hawk plans to donate \$5000.

- **Donating.** Discussed how to get direct to bank donations. Laura R reported that currently donations can be made directly to the bank through either PayPal when buying bricks or using Square. People can also mail them to the PO Box or give to a board member for deposit. Janet T noted that we need to keep a list of the big donors to avoid asking the same people over and over. But everyone needs to help fundraise.

Follow-Up. Laura R keeps a list by name of all donors. How would you like to receive it?

GENERAL:

- Paid Annual GA Registration (2023-2024) on 3/16/2023: \$60
- **Marketing.**
 - **Welshfest (3/18)** – Laura R. worked this passing out information and taking pictures. It was cold. Good news, I was given the space in the
 - **Rotary (4/4)** – Laura R will be speaking to the Rockmart Rotary at the Blue Hole.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- **Architectural Drawings RFP.** Discussed committing to a percent of estimated construction cost rather than a fixed amount. Need to raise the \$100,00 to release RFP.

TREASURERS REPORT – Janet T. **Total: \$33,031.38** (Century: \$30,020.35 + Ed Jones: \$3,011.03)

Closing Remarks

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Glenn K Robinson, President