

**Wyandot County Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
Minutes
August 30, 2015**

Allan Thiel, President welcomed guests at John Stewart United Methodist Church meeting hall to the Wyandot County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Allan made several announcements and guests were asked to read the 2016 policies, review the financials and the previous year's Annual Meeting minutes prior to the business session. Special guests arrived and participated in a candidate's reception. Allan introduced Ron Metzger and Steve Seitz, County Commissioners, Melissa Rife, Wyandot County Treasurer, Douglas Rowland, Prosecuting Attorney, Paul Harrison and Eddie Lou Meimer, OFBF State Board Trustees and Yvonne Lesicko, OFBF Public Policy (speaker), previous board members and past Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Allan Thiel gave the invocation and a delicious buffet style lunch was catered by Special Occasions. President Allan Thiel then opened the business session of the meeting by calling the meeting to order and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members were introduced. There were 7 board members and 49 guests present.

Paul Harrison, OFBF District 6 State Trustee was introduced and thanked everyone for allowing him to represent Wyandot County at the state level. He presented actions, accomplishments, and issues that FB has been active in and supported during the past year. Eddie Lou Meimer, OFBF NW Regional Trustee presented that YAP groups are increasing and a suggestion that those groups possibly give graduating seniors a membership as an incentive. She mentioned we must all be advocates for agriculture via social media sources.

The **minutes** of the last annual meeting were reviewed. Jack Leslie made a motion to accept the minutes and Paul Baum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kayla Weaver was called forward to give highlights of the financial statements ending June 30, 2015:

Net dues Revenue	\$21,796.00
Total other Revenue	\$ 7,109.49
Total Expenses	\$19,279.17

After factoring in dividends and unearned dues: Profit of \$8,960.20.

Since no questions were raised George Collet motioned and Joyce Montgomery seconded the motion to approve the audited financials. Motion carried

Todd Goodman, Vice-President presented the proposed code changes amending Article 3, Section 1 – Membership Classes and Rights of our county code of regulations. The amendments to the OFBF Code of Regulations expanded the definition of an Active Member, created a new class of membership called Young Active Member, changed the name of Associate Member to Community Member, created a new non-member class called Our Ohio Supporters, and established a statewide dues rate of \$25.00 for Young Active members and Our Ohio Supporters. Currently Wyandot County annual dues are \$80 for Active and Community members, \$60 of that going to Ohio FB and we retain \$20.

When no questions or discussion were raised Paul Baum presented a motion to accept the proposed code change, Darlene Weaver seconded that motion and upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Next the local, state, and national policies were presented. Todd Goodman motioned to accept the policies as presented and Jack Leslie seconded. Motion carried. Members then proceeded to vote on the policies. The trustee ballot was presented with Todd Goodman-At Large, Allan Thiel-Southwest, Craig McDaniel-Southeast, Richard Walton-Northeast, and Northwest open listed on the ballot. Jack Leslie made a motion to accept the ballot and close the nominations and Todd Goodman seconded. Motion carried. Members proceeded to vote.

The delegate ballot for the 2016 OFBF Annual Meeting was presented. Kayla Weaver and Tim Wood were nominated as delegates with two nominees selected. There were no other nominations from the floor. George

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Collet motioned to close the nominations, Bill Clinger seconded. The motion carried and members proceeded to vote. Tellers were appointed to collect and count the ballots for policies, trustees and delegates after the vote.

There was no old or new business brought forth.

Awards and Recognition

- Kayla Weaver presented a short bio of Bill Clinger's achievements and presented him with the Distinguished Service Award and plaque. Bill was very appreciative of the award and well deserved.
- Allan Thiel recognized and thanked the off going board members Jack Leslie and Lynette Pagnard for their years of dedication and service to Wyandot County Farm Bureau. Haley Davis, Organization Director presented certificates and Bob Evans gift cards to them.
- Allan Thiel introduced and acknowledged the contributions of the Cabinet and Action Team Leaders: Vice-President: Todd Goodman; Secretary/Treasurer: Kayla Weaver; Organization ATL: Brian Frisch; Communication ATL: Laura Wood; Public Policy ATL: Paul Baum; Animal & Food Policy Team: Todd Goodman and Membership Chair: Allan Thiel. Haley Davis presented certificates, Bob Evans gift cards and mugs filled with candy in appreciation of their service.
- The past year's accomplishments were promoting Farm Bureau thru the local radio, newspapers, and social media outlets, the community garden, second t-shirt project to provide Jr. Fair exhibitors a free t-shirt, Farmers Share breakfast and children's literature books to schools and libraries, Fun with Farm Bureau at the county fair and offered a canning and freezing class. The Wyandot County Farm Bureau currently has 650 members of which 492 are active/farmer members.

Yvonne Lesicko of Ohio Farm Bureau Public Policy team gave a very informative presentation on the Water Quality issues in our area and around Lake Erie. Her talk was enjoyed by all.

Allan Thiel reported that all policies passed, trustees and delegates elected.

Mums were passed out as door prizes. Laura Wood introduced Chad Gottfried as auctioneer for the "pie auction". Thanks to all who made and brought pies for the auction. Everyone was very generous in their bidding and \$617.00 was donated to the Open Door Resource Center in Upper Sandusky.

Jack Leslie motioned to adjourn and seconded by Todd Goodman. Motion carried. President Allan Thiel adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Kayla Weaver, Secretary

Allan Thiel, President

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