

# County Line Grange #1751

## ***Meeting Minutes of Wed, Nov. 11 , 2015-Grange Hall***

Meeting opened the pledge was said. All officers present.

Guest tonight: Michelle Courier- Boone County States Atty. Was introduced, she gave her background in the community, her career and many local organizations she is involved. She also gave us an update on efforts to fight drugs and gangs. Mentioned that unused, unwanted prescriptions are being collected at the Public Safety Building 24 hrs day/7 days week. Remove your personal information from the bottle(s). This keeps them off the streets and out of our water. Several efforts she has initiated have been seeing successful with gang related violence cut in half and longer sentences. Explained new bracelet initiative that has helped reduce offenders being housed to insure sobriety.

Michelle graciously answered a few questions from our members regarding efforts specific to fighting heroin addiction and if Rockford/Winnebago County are taking notes on our County's successes.

**Minutes** were read, corrections made and accepted. Motion by Sherry, second by Marie to accept.

**No proposals for memberships**

**AG report:** New report out, we set new records for yields shortly followed by price declines. Very good year, corn was heavy and dry. This means less propane needed for drying the corn, price on propane is good.

**Community Service:** Marie reported 153 food bags

**Deaf Program:** Nothing

**Membership:** Tried to recruit Michelle however she is already in Prairie, JoEllen reminded her she can join two Granges ; )

**Garage sale:** No date set yet

**Fairboard:** Had meeting, working on getting good entertainment, three good prospects, will know more in January. They are talking about getting a Heritage Day weekend event at the Fairgrounds.

**Grange day:** Dianne would like

**Cook book:** Had verbal meeting, working on it

**Road Clean up:** All mowed, pretty clean right now

**Events/Decorations:** Linda, will discuss float and hometown later in meeting

**Website:** Sherry has been doing some posting, trying to get together to get

**Scholarship:** JoEllen working on

**Communications:** From Hometown Christmas Light Parade letter read, Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Information on National Grange communications. Discussion on how the route change will affect us. We start serving at 5 to the vendors and advertise 6-9. Unknown how much the downtown businesses will be participating with their window displays. Parade starts at the library, ends at the entrance to Doty Park.

**Pomona** reports made.

**Treasurers report:** Noah reported last month ended at \$1633., we spent for Permit, State Dues, Badges & Pins, deposited dues and Penny March, ending balance of \$1286.69

**Fairdale:** Discussion on what kind of help is needed, the couple is already moved in, Tom can still use help. Tim's amended Motion to give 100 to Tom and 50 to couple at Menards, seconded by Jackie, voting sign giving, motion passed.

Linda is concerned that the parade is now a night time event, how will we see the Ugly Sweaters? Discussion on possibilities, LED lights? Generator needed? Battery operated? Need trailer. Since we have traditionally been in the parade every year even if we are not all lit up it will still be good for us to have a presence. If all else fails we can just be in back of pick up truck. Be at Jo Ellen's at 3:00.

JoEllen passed around sign up sheet for either Cooking at the Church, Serving at Community Building, or Float. Reminder no candy throwing.

**Trim a tree,** Motion to help the single mother with cancer, seconded by Linda, motion passed

Linda mentioned she worked at the Salvation Army and took sign ups for 80 trees. John and Carol remembered to bring decorations. More needed, bring or get them to JoEllen. Decorating is Wed. the 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Raffle Tickets:** Sandy has more, collecting money, reminder to sell sell sell.

**Ring the Bell for Salvation Army:** Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, sign up sheet going around.

**Newsletter:** JoEllen and Sherry working on, be sure to see Sherry and let her know if you received it or not and also that she has

**Next Meeting** will be our annual Christmas party at noon, at the church on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. At the First Baptist Church

Meeting will be brief, will be playing take away Bingo so bring \$5 gift, donations for the nursing home items, and favorite dessert, all other food is provided by the Grange as member appreciation.

Awards given to 5 yrs: Dean & Joan Condell, Dianne & Fred Hart, Clayton Murry, Anna & John Schiro; 20 yrs for Jackie Murry; 25 yrs. Paul Kirane,; 45 yrs Jane Fitch & Myron Peterson

**Sick or in Distress:** Harold thanked all for their thoughts and prayers during his recent eye surgery.

**Suggestions for good of order:** John asked if our meetings will now be set up this way? JoEllen explained this was a trial to see how it went,

JoEllen asked if anyone had seen the 5:00 news which she was on regarding the Veteran's stand down at the school protesting that school was not out for Veteran's Day.

Meeting was closed. Coin March

Audrey Cooper's new address 302 E. Wood lane. Mullins home phone ends in 9022. Harold Hawes- 815-713-0904. Tim's cell 815-519-8368.

John and Carol Null new phone numbers: 815-391-0136, John: 225-335-9629.