

# **County Line Grange #1751**

## ***Meeting Minutes of Wed. Nov 09, 2016- Grange Hall***

**Guests:**

**Roll call of officers,** Dianne filled in for Carol-Chaplin

Copies of minutes were made available, Correction, Terry Chesnut (no T in middle). Butch motion to accept, Stephanie seconded.

**Proposals for membership:** Lost 2 members, Eleanor Swanson and Pat Swanson left the Grange.

**Ag Report:** Picking crops like crazy.

**Community Service:** Lisa, make sure you fill out sheet

**Membership,** none. Stephanie will work on the list

**Publicity:** Linda sent in article to the Granger. Thank you Linda!!

**Fair board:** Fred said discussed the freezer door, getting bids on ticket booths, John Null reported on the museum, making it look like a barn. Talked about the Jeans to Jewels event. The memorial walk was discussed, how they might lay it out, pricing, main path is for past directors. Celeste asked what the Memorial pathway is and where. JoEllen and Fred explained, from back of admin building to the gate. Butch said because they were getting too many benches. Marie asked why that would be since what they have is always full, we could probably use more. Celeste mentioned people stand for nearly 2 hours to get tickets. Getting bids on camping area, infield and building three upgrading. Presentation was given on adding Alpaca's to the show. Getting more information on how many animals they can have and where to have. Butch worries it will cost us more for tent, judges and handling of livestock. Noah said the entertainment committee met at the Steam Plant and good things are lined up. Noah, Linda and Marie attended Northern Zone is the Illinois Association of Agriculture Fairs.

**Grange Day:** Last decided we would like to go to the Railroad museum in Union. JoEllen explained to the new members what Grange Day is for us. We try to do in June, depends on weather, what we have going on, etc. If you have any ideas pass them on to Dianne.

**Cookbook:** Need target date

**Road cleanup:** Done for season

**Decorator & Event committee.** Trim A Tree, Hometown Christmas, Float, Ring-a-bell all coming up!

JoEllen is working to line up the float. Parade is Friday night.

**Website.** Please check it!

**Communications:** JoEllen read letter from Tracy Nolan, North Boone School District, asking for the scholarship information by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Need to have Scholarship Committee needs to meet to get going.

Sandy reminds all that if the Meat Raffle tickets are not sold we won't have any Scholarship money.

**Pomona reports made**

**Treasurers reports:** \$4004. , check for Professional Images(badges) for \$100.70, Carrie Blasingame (Nat. Grange Meet) \$100; Walmart \$12.41; Salvation Army \$200.; Pacemaker (awards cake) \$29.28; total \$442.39. Balance 3561.61. Nikki motioned, Stephanie seconded to accept

voting sign given, passed.

Unfinished Business: Jeans to Jewels, JoEllen said everyone had a great time. Raised \$3910 in the bakery auction. \$855 was due to what the Granger brought. New membership brochures that Nikki made were available, the display board is up for all to see. They did a very good job promoting the Grange.

Training event, Jason commented there was a lot of information. Lisa mentioned we need to a formal meeting at least twice a year. Thoughts are doing it downstairs due to several members have a very hard time with the stairs. We can bring the items downstairs.

Noah mentioned the Kelley farm is wonderful to learn about Grange. Ruth asked us to put on again try to get more people from other Granges.

Dues. Please pay Noah!! They are due! \$16. A person. Remember we pay half for you. JoEllen explained to new members what it is for, how long and that we must pay state.

Ring-a-bell: JoEllen has signup sheet, Friday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2-hour time slots. 9-11, 3-5, 5-8 slots are open.

Meat Raffle. \$5.00 a piece, 5 for 10, 20 for 20. Please sell. If we don't sell we don't have a scholarship. Sandy has them in packs of 100, if you don't want to sell feel free to buy.

Trim a tree is Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 3:30/4:00 bring decorations with you. Linda says she worked 75 trees, she signed up 61; 35 IOUs to hand out, gave out 24. Big Thunder decided to stop the people from removing items and tossing the tree, Dec. 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> they hand out food baskets, blankets, Christmas mugs for seniors who don't get trees. Marie talked about how Prairie Grange is spending 500. Worth of food to give to the Salvation Army to hand out in the baskets. Marie explained you need to do the trees for the Community Building. Linda asked even though we are doing the tree, and donate items for the family. We also bring in non-perishables to the hometown Christmas to give to the family. Grange buys 2 dozen mugs, everyone brings stuff to put in them. Linda motions that we provide Christmas mugs, gifts to people who don't have kids, Nikki seconded. To give out Dec. 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>, get together at JoEllen's Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to make them up. Voting sign given, passed.

Bring non-perishables to hometown. How much to spend from fund to Butch motioned to spend \$25. Per person in the family out of the Grange Fund. Noah seconded.

Home town Christmas Fri. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, serve 5-9, Celeste, John and Carol and other ladies will do the chili. Cheese bags? JoEllen reviewed the menu. Sandy will bring the raffle basket. Prices will remain the same. No job assignments, one shift.

Christmas Party, Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. At the First Baptist Church, bring dessert but rest of meal is provided. Bring \$5. Gift for take a way bingo. Float, we need people to ride, JoEllen checking to confirm float. It is lighted. JoEllen will check on the registration

Pomona blood drive, Linda says you can go in Mon-Fri, second Sat. of month, go in sign up as a Granger. Rock River Valley, by the Dollar Tree. JoEllen mentioned as a fund raiser for the Granger, collect dollar bills that have a 'G' on them, will be sent down state for the Granger. Costs \$7000. A year. JoEllen updated the list.

JoEllen said at the Jeans to Jewels, Clayton and Tonya, told them about Trunk or Treat, at Capps garage, next year we can do this as a fundraiser, set up our gazebo sell hot dogs, chili, pop and such. This is a word of mouth event. We need a food permit, Sandy will get. Loves Park area.

Celeste said that Culvers for 3 days anyone buying donates to Vets Roll.

Awards, Penny 25 years, she was not in attendance.

Next Meeting Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> First Baptist Church, at noon.

Hosting: Celeste, Audrey, Dottie.