Field and Furrow Meeting

February 9, 2010

Call to order –

- President Whitney Massey called the room to order and introduced the new Head of Department Dr. Germán Bollero. Dr. Bollero gave a brief background of himself and is looking forward to working with the Field and Furrow Club.

Secretary’s Report

- Robin Rollings gave the secretary’s report from the last meeting. The last meeting was at Jupiters and had elections.

Treasurer’s Report

RSO $5,518.75
CD $5,741.62
Savings $183.19
Checking $911.69
Total = $12,355.25

ACES Council

- Spencer Thomas said at the last meeting they introduced themselves and talked about Explore ACES.

- Wayne Gehrke mentioned the feed the hunger food drive. His committee is asking each of the clubs to donate a certain amount of money to be donated to the fund instead of collecting cans and non-perishable food items. They will accept those items but a money donation will go farther to the foundation.

  o Zach Schmidt made a motion to donate money to the foundation and Miranda Morgan seconded the motion. Motion Passed. There was discussion on the amount of money.

  o Jack Marshall made a motion to donate a hundred dollars to the feed the hungry food drive and Brian Craine seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

- The first lunch with the deans is Thursday February 11, 2010 in the Heritage room of the ACES Library.
Business

Social Events

– Kaitlin Weitekamp said she would like to schedule a social event for the end of February or beginning of March. Some ideas were ice skating and wrestling. Public skating is Wednesday nights. Kaitlin also asked if she sends a survey please fill it out so that she knows what the club members would like to do and will be sent out via e-mail.

T-shirts/Coats

- Ross Recker – It is too late in the semester to get the coats and will try to order this fall semester. Ross’s idea is to get a black t-shirt with a block I on the front and then on the back put the logo on that was voted for at the last meeting.

- Quoted for ten dollars a t-shirts and passed out t-shirts sign-up. There are still old clothes to buy, please talk to Ross (recker1@illinois.edu). As long as we get 25 shirts it will be ten dollars.

Philanthropy

- Lissy Siddell said that the Columbia project is still in the works. KIVA is going well and starting to get money back.

- Cleaning the sidewalk by Morrow Plots is going to be schedule soon and trying to find a day in the afternoon to do it.

SASES Regionals

- Ross Wilkin spoke about SASES Regionals coming up on April 9th and 10th. Club will cover as much as of the cost as possible but members may have to pay some money. There will be three tours that people can go on and Whitney Massey will send out a link about the tours. Sign-up sheets were passed out and need to know for sure very soon.

FFA Lunch

- Drew Wright talked about the FFA lunch that Field and Furrow puts on every year for the Illinois FFA State Awards as our fundraiser. Date is April 10. Members will be needed to work throughout the day with cooking and serving. Whitney reminded members that it is the same day as the SASES Regionals and will need to choose which they will participate in.

Explore ACES Need volunteers
March 12-13. Need some ideas for the display and people to be at the booth at all times. The theme is “get synced.” Robin Rollings and Lissy Siddell volunteered to help and still need people to help.

Anniversary Celebration

- Date is set for September 12. Ross Recker said if anyone knows former Field and Furrow members and could give him their information (recker1@illinois.edu) so that they can send a letter or email to invite them.

Membership Chair

- Zach Ferguson asked members to join the field and Furrow Facebook page.

Green Referendum

- Whitney read a letter to the members about a group on campus asking clubs to support their petition to raise the refundable fee from five dollars to fourteen dollars to make the campus more sustainable. There was discussion on the matter and took a secret ballot vote for yes or no to support or not support the increase. The members voted not to support the increase.

Dinner sponsorship

- Members were informed that there is no more money to spend on food before meetings and were suggested to try to find sponsorships for food.

Club Direction

- The club supports many causes but is there a certain thing that the club would like to be known for? What do we want to focus on? An idea was to try and focus more on the younger generations in grade school and high school to educate the students about agriculture. There is a program called Ag in the classroom that has pre-made activities to do with all different age groups. Lissy Siddell will be looking into the program for the next meeting.

Position Openings

- Ms. Stoller needs student worker starting Fall 2010. Nicole will be leaving and she described her responsibilities. Ms. Stoller requested a freshman or a sophomore to apply for the position so that they would be there for more than one or two years. Contact her at pstoller@illinois.edu. Dr. Bradley needs Grad student help, contact him (carlbrad@illinois.edu).
- Whitney then passed out Past Officer Appreciation gifts.
Outstand Teacher in Crop Sciences and Horticulture

- Members nominated teachers for the award and voted. The winner was Mr. Dunker

Next Meeting will be March 9th and need to meet in W-13 at 4pm before the meeting to help plant seed sets. John Holthous from Growmark will be speaking to the group that night as well.

Quiz bowl!!!