

Meeting Minutes—February 26, 2024

Teema called the meeting to order and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Stahley, Executive Director of Colorado FFA Foundation, introduced the speakers -- Maggie Livingston and Rebecca Gardner, current state FFA officers.

Maggie and Becca shared highlights of their FFA experiences leading up to their current roles as state officers. They're both taking a gap year and living at CSU-SPUR Vida with eight other state officers while they fulfill their state officer duties and work for CSU Spur to "pay" their rent. The FFA State Officer year runs from June to June and their responsibilities range from traveling Colorado visiting each FFA chapter to attending county fairs, state fair and the national FFA conference along with planning and delivering trainings and conferences for FFA members.

A Question & Answer session followed the presentation covering a variety of topics including current FFA membership trends (946,000 members nationally with 9,000 in Colorado), adjustments involved in moving to Denver and living at CSU Spur-Vida and learning how to present and advocate for ag with different audiences.

Teema expressed the club's appreciation for the speakers and for the meal.

Guests & New Members

Gabrielle Martin, NWSS Volunteer Committee - hosted by Anni Bengston

Kole Kelly, Moyer/White - hosted by John Hiemer

Kelly & Katie Ellingson - new members, joined 2 months ago

Kimberly Tatsch - new member

Secretary's Report

As published in newsletter. Spelling correction identified by Mary Lou Chapman. Motion to accept by Chuck Sylvester, seconded by Tom Fey.

Treasurer's Report

As submitted by John Hiemer. Motion to approve by Tom Fey, seconded by John Stencil.

NJC Scholarship invoice paid. John will be going to NJC Appreciation Breakfast on March 2nd.

Youth Report

CAC sponsors haven't been chosen yet. Nothing to report.

Membership Report

John Stencil, Membership Chair, submitted his resignation after 10 years and is happy to help his replacement get started. Need to find John's replacement.

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Old Business

Butter Braids Fundraiser - Mary Lou Chapman

Details in the newsletter with online ordering information.

All orders & payments are due March 12th for delivery at the March 25th meeting.

Membership Directory - Kraig Roesch

Need final membership information updates. Digital copy sent out for review in 11-2-23 email from Kraig Roesch

Goal = completed for April meeting with updated By-Laws included

New Business

Ag Literacy/CO Ag Foundation

Annual support for 2 teacher scholarships (\$500) for summer workshop (1 East slope, 1 Western slope, includes 3 days with a producer) and \$300 for classroom materials (Colorado Reader)

Motion to sponsor again in 2024 made by Tom Fey, seconded by Kraig Roesch.

Ag Literacy in the Classroom focus this year is Pueblo chilis and includes a book, Pueblo chilis and seed packets sent to teachers, expecting to serve about 2,000 students.

National Ag Day = March 19th

Goal to increase public awareness of Ag's role in society

Events include CO FFA with CO Ag Hall of Fame event and Ag Council's Ag Day at the Capitol to educate legislators

Financial Statement

Denver Agricultural and Livestock Club
John Hiemer, Treasurer

Treasurers
26-Feb-24

Bank Balance January 29, 2024 \$ 11,931.88

Receipts:	Luncheon	\$ 806.00	
	Dues	\$ 120.00	
	Contributions	\$ 6.80	
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	Total Receipts January 29 to February 26		\$ 932.80
			<u>\$ 12,864.68</u>

Check #

Disburse-	CaterWest	905	\$ 1,016.17	
	MicroBlue Software	906	\$ 86.53	
	NJC Scholarship	907	\$ 1,000.00	
	Service Charge		\$ 3.00	
				<u>\$ 2,105.70</u>

Cash Balance February 26, 2024 \$ 10,758.98

Cash held for lunch change \$ 106.00
