

Cass County FB January 2009 board meeting minutes

The Cass County Board of Directors met January 4, 2009 with 13 present. Kurt Wilson, Richard Crimmins, Steve Plank, Phil Miller, Conrad Funk, Carl Sell, Dwight Plank, Jeff Berlet, Jim Sailor, Peg Sullivan, Scott Wagoner, Steve Sullivan, Janice Deno and guest Dave Sommers.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Sullivan with The pledge to the flag followed by a silent prayer.

Balance in checking account is \$13,246.13.

Steve Plank moved that we accept the minutes of November and December meetings. Seconded by Richard Crimmins. Motion passed.

Budget meeting was canceled due to bad weather. This event is rescheduled for January 13 at 4 p.m. we will combine the budget meeting with the resolution meeting. Committee: Steve Sullivan, Kurt Wilson, Ellen Ellenbrook, Steve Plank and Peg Sullivan.

Annual Meeting will be April 2, 2009, (Thursday). 6 p.m., at the 4-H building. Discussed cost and speaker but nothing definite. Suggested we ask the new ISDA Director, Ann Hazelette, to be our Speaker. Steve Sullivan will contact her. Scott Wagoner agreed to chair the Nominating Committee.

Jim Sailors asked that we suggest someone who might be interested in an appointment to the County Health Board.

The "Feed the Pig" money was split 4 ways with \$100.00 going to Area 5, Salvation Army, Emmaus Mission Center and Walton's Food Pantry.

Those attending the State Convention at Evansville were: Charlie Wilson and wife, Dwight Plank, Kurt Wilson, Steve Plank, Steve and Peg Sullivan. Our President Steve Sullivan received the Strategic Action Award for Cass County. This was due to our involvement with the Farm Bill.

Steve Plank motioned that we invite Tiffany Obrecht, IFB Policy Development team, to a monthly meeting for help in identifying our top priorities together with guidance for implementing. Richard Crimmins seconded. Motion carried.

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Dave Sommers, Fulton County Board member, came to our meeting

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to ask if we would join them in presenting "Farming in the Classroom" at Caston School on March 13th to all their elementary classes. Steve Plank motioned that we join Fulton County with this new project, seconded by Scott Wagoner, Motion carried.

Kurt Wilson recommended we give Farm Bureau membership to the FFA graduates at their FFA Banquet, which will be soon. Kurt said he would take care of the membership.

Steve Plank asked about the Scholarship we agreed to give. So far no action has been taken.

Kurt Wilson gave Membership report.

Peg Sullivan, Woman Leader, told of her visit to the State House on Jan. 7. Was able to talk to House Representatives Rich McClain and Doug Gutwein and our new Senator Randy Head.

Spring Conference will be March 6 and 7 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Tickets are now available.

Janice Deno, Senior Regional Manager, stated Membership is our No. 1 priority this year. Asked that we set a date to visit the State House. Reminded us that a "Third House Session" for state representatives McClain and Gutwein and senator Randy Head is scheduled for January 31 in Logansport. Jennifer Crowel, Insurance Agent, has received an award for memberships written, Suggest we congratulate her on her successful efforts.

Front Line Session will be January 17, 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. at Rensselaer Central High School

Carl Sell moved to adjourn. Conrad Funk seconded. Motion carried.

Peg Sullivan
Secretary Pro-Tem