

Farm-City Hub Club Minutes

2020 Annual Meeting

January 27, 2020

The annual meeting and banquet of the New Ulm Hub Club was held Monday evening, January 27, 2020 at the New Ulm Community Center. During the social hour and dinner, members viewed the 2019 year-in-review slide show. About 115 members and guests were present.

First vice president Christina Schwab gave the invocation before the three-meat buffet meal prepared by Hahn's Dining of Winthrop.

The annual meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by President Ken Reckard at 7:55 p.m. Printed copies of the 2019 annual meeting minutes were available on the tables for members to review. A motion was made by David Wendinger and seconded; the minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Acting treasurer Doug Schottle presented the treasurer's report which showed net income for 2019 of \$4,072.92, compared to \$9,957.77 a year earlier. Schottle briefly reviewed the finances and noted that both the Farm Show and Bavarian Blast were adversely affected by the weather. Delbert Fischer motioned, Dave Wendinger seconded, and the report was approved on a voice vote.

Reckard presented the 2020 slate of officers, as printed in the program, with an opening for second vice president. Pete Neigebauer nominated Denny Sjogren for second vice president. John Luepke motioned and Alma Forst seconded ceasing nominations and casting a unanimous ballot for the officers; motion carried. Officers elected were: President—Christina Schwab; 1st Vice President—Julie Wilson; 2nd Vice President—Denny Sjogren; Secretary—Ruth Klossner; Treasurer—Shannon Hillesheim; Director-at-Large (three years)—Doug Schottle; Director-at-Large (one year)—Ken Reckard; Events Director—Justin Gode. Continuing Directors: Membership—Randy Schroeder; Public Relations—Don Sanderson; and At-Large—Marie Guggisberg.

Duane Laffrenzen reported that the scholarship committee had selected five recipients for 2019—Brady Ahlness, Audra Bastian, Cassidy Platz, Wyatt Roberts, and Sonja Rygh. Laffrenzen read a letter from Audra Bastian, thanking the club for the scholarship and reporting on her schooling. Audra's parents attended and were recognized. Laffrenzen noted that \$72,200 in scholarships has been awarded to 123 students since 1994.

New Ulm FFA Advisor Kelsey Brandt and four chapter officers spoke about chapter activities. Officers present were Lexi Stein, Gracie Altmann, Alice Lewandowski, and Lilli Lewandowski.

There was no additional business to be conducted at the meeting.

Arline Klingler received the Service to Agriculture award. She was introduced by program emcee Don Sanderson who talked about experiences he has had with Arline cleaning his business place. Arline is the 41st recipient of the award. Speaking during the program were Arline's niece Tammy Phillips, fellow card club members Arlene Siemers and Adeline Wiltscheck, daughter Betty Weier, son Tom Klingler, and Hub Club member Ann Wendinger.

Reckard presented the Service to Agriculture plaque on behalf of the club. In response, Arline thanked the club.

Winners of a free year of club membership in the early-bird drawing were Rich and Barb Baumann.

With Randy Schroeder doing the drawing, volunteers distributed the numerous door prizes collected by Del Fischer, Jr..

President Reckard turned the meeting over to new president Schwab. She introduced the 2020 officers and board and asked them to come forward.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary