

Ag in the Classroom—St. Clair County
Minutes of Meeting
4 December 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Pulcher at 7:04 p.m. Also in attendance were: Janice Tribbett, Janet Burnett, Dean Dittmar, Anne Klein, Susan Kehrt, Ron Krausz, Pat Wesemann and Johnny Knobloch. No one was absent.

The Committee dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which had already been distributed by email. There were no additions or corrections.

Janet Burnett distributed the financial report. Our grant from Illinois Ag in the Classroom has not yet been received, but Dean says it will arrive shortly. This will be applied to salary expense. Susan made a motion to accept the financial report. Ron seconded. The motion passed.

In old business, with a quorum present the revised IAITC—St. Clair County Bylaws could be voted on. The revisions were reviewed and discussed. Susan Kehrt moved to approve, and Pat Wesemann seconded. Approved unanimously. The bylaws will be signed when the date is corrected on the final draft.

In new business, the Committee heard the November Coordinator's Report. Dean suggested adding FFA advisors to the list of those receiving emailed minutes and reports. He will supply those addresses to Jan. Dean will also try to find an FFA student to join the Committee. The Committee also wants minutes and reports posted on the program website. Jan reported that the Professional Development Grant Request she submitted arrived after funding was depleted. She will still organize a tour for teachers to take place in June.

IAITC will have a booth at the 2008 Teachers Institute. If Jan will be presenting a break-out session, Susan will cover the booth for that period. Jan will be conducting a workshop for New Athens FFA students on using the Magic Kits. Dean suggested inviting other FFAs to attend. When the FFA students use the kits to teach ag lessons, the contacts will be part of the IAITC numbers.

Dean reported the latest figures on FFA membership and the growth of ag programs in general. He also invited the Committee to the IAITC conference in Mt. Vernon in February. Dean distributed a list of the grant awards for 2007-08 and told the Committee that St. Clair County had received the maximum for a part-time program.

The Committee discussed the new Schnuck's fundraising card and suggested other fundraising ideas. Mike directed Jan to determine a date for a fundraising subcommittee meeting and email him and Susan.

Next meeting: March 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Tribbett

Coordinator