

May 16, 2020

SSFC Meeting, held at Trudy's home. Present were Dennis Engebretson, Carrie Jessen, Trudy Delich, Russ Smith, Alethea Kenney, Margo Hanson

1. Introduction of new board member Russ Smith – members introduced themselves and told a little bit about themselves. Welcome, Russ!
2. Minutes from Jan. 31 meeting were read by Margo, approved as read
3. Carrie gave the Treasurer's report – Hubbard Co. FFA wanted donation, was paid. Approved
4. Election of new officers – Chairperson – Alethea, Treasurer – Carrie, Vice chairperson – Russ Smith, Secretary - Margo, Trudy – Art Director/membership secretary.
5. Old Business – February Sheep Event

All members were very impressed with Janet McNally's presentation. Trudy mentioned her son-in-law, David Berryhill was also impressed and liked the opportunity to meet other "real" farmers. It would have been good to have had name tags or introductions. We gained several new members.

It will be hard to top Janet and we decided we could ask Janet to speak on other topics, perhaps smaller groups of people could talk more freely. We could have breakout groups. Carrie wouldn't mind offering her a spare room to Janet to stay overnight. Alethea will contact Janet.

New Business:

Hubbard Co. Fair – Russ may meet next Tuesday. Their decisions will be based on the governor's recommendations. The fair may be cancelled, but they may have animal shows later in the season. If the State Fair cancels, they will also cancel. Russ will let us know. He'd like for us to do fiber demos if the fair is held. He will let us know about a month in advance.

FFF will be on October 3rd, Lammers Town Hall – Carrie has reserved. It only costs \$20.00. Food could still be provided by the Asian Market. Clearbrook was \$250, but lots more room. No vendors have signed up yet. Will let people sign up later and be especially flexible this year.

Yurt Project- Alethea applied for a \$6,000 grant. The first ran out of funding, so she has reapplied under "Small Towns" grant. The first group didn't know enough about a yurt. Some thought it was a tarp over a framework. Alethea said the frame work will be bought from Groovy Yurts. Linda Johnson-Morke has made drawings of the whole process. The Art committee will like this. Each panel on the outside will show the process of turning wool into a yurt. A big map on the

inside with State of MN, will have stars for everyone helping or contributing wool. Linda will take it on tour of the state, this would be next year Linda would be doing small felting demos as well.

Trudy would have the workshop for 10 days, beginning August 31, in her pole barn. 200 pounds of wool will be needed but we will buy 35 pounds of Karakul, which felts very easily. Alethea will check with Linda as to which breeds felt well. Alethea should know the results of the next grant and will update us by email.

Classified ads idea was discussed and we decided to not move forward at this time. We have the list of producers. Some of our new members haven't sent info to be listed yet.

Folding Metal Chairs – Kathy Belt can use the chairs, but we may want them in August for the Yurt Workshop. Russ has a rack for chairs. Alethea will get Kathy's contact information to Russ and he will get the chairs when she's finished with them.

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 25th.

Move to adjourn was made by Trudy. Dennis seconded, all were in favor. Thanks to Trudy for inviting us to meet on her beautiful deck.

Respectfully submitted by Margo Hanson, Secretary