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Call to Order

President Zach Ferrall opened the meeting. Rita Hilty offered the invocation.

Our guests today included Mike Frank and Chris Schroer, guests of Ellen Hunter, Mike, Ron, Deb, Chuck and Mary Wilker, all guests of Bev Wilker, Mark Hudson, guest of Dick Hudson, Brian and Taylor Cook, guests of Randy Elsass, Jan Heinrich and the Dowlings from the Evening Leader. The FFA students included Ally Ott, Kayla Puschel, Morgan Poulter, Ashley Dalton and Luke Schloemer.

In honor of Ag Day Kevin Lawler lead the singing of "Old McDonald had a Farm." We

sang "Happy Birthday" to Wes Protsman.

Happy Dollars/Fines

President Zach was happy for Ag Day, Bill Ruane for the school's FFA, Brian Botti for making the paper last week, Ellen who announced Emily Post's new eight pound baby and for her guests, Bev for all her guests, Wes for his 70th birthday and for Spring, Kevin Lawler for the FFA students, Randy Elsass for being at the Minster girls BB state championship game, and Linda Haines for her grandson's Pinewood Derby success.



John Coe did the fining today. He gave Dan Burke a credit for wearing Celina green but did fine him, Charles Richtmyer, Ellen Hunter, Rick Green and Kevin Lawler for getting questions wrong.

Announcements

- Zach thanked the Interact Club for its successful Agape Ministries service project and Kathy Sampson, Bev Wilker and Stephanie Kramer for their word with the club.
- Gears and Cheers with be at Moeller Brew Barn on march 28 at 7:00 for Singo. 3 high school students, who
- May 10-12 is the District Conference at Kalahari Lodge in Sandusky. Registration is now open. Go to the District 6600 website and follow the links.

Program

PE Travis Elsass introduced Mary Bambauer. Mary had been teaching for 14 years and this is her fifth year as the school's FFA advisor. She is a graduate of Parkway and graduated from OSU. She brought the officers from the Memorial High FFA chapter with her today and the students each introduced themselves.



Future Farmers of America was started in 1928 for white farm boys. African Americans boys were brought in in 1965 and girls were first allowed in 1969. In 1988 the name officially changed to FFA.

Currently Memorial High has 116 members in FFA. To have FFA the school has to offer Ag classes. While less than two percent of Americans are actually farmers, Ag business is wide and varied. The school offers classes in all aspects of agriculture from livestock management to greenhouse management, food production to the business side of agriculture.

FFA is completely student led with summer training, conferences, fundraisers and community service projects. The students talked about some of the club's projects including Thanksgiving baskets of food, Picnic Table donations to the fair, pail mail to the troops and a donkey basketball fundraiser.

Queen of Hearts

Alex Pittman won the daily drawing but the Queen continued to hide from him.

Upcoming Programs

3/28 Crisis Center update

Upcoming Greeters

3/27 Lori Martensen

4/3 Jeff Vossler

4/10 Gayle Masonbrink

4/17 Sue Pittman

President Ferrall closed the meeting with the recitation of the "The 4-Way Test".

*** Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 am**

