
22 people in attendance

Agenda:

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Thanks.** President Gary Rader welcomed everyone and thanked Colby and Woody for the refreshments. The Directors and Officers were introduced. Andrea Brown and Miriam Robeson were thanked for their service in communication with the members.
2. **Financial Summary.** The financial information was shared for the past year. Money from cooking events was up at around \$3,000, as were corporate sponsorships and memorial donations. Christmas basket donations were also up. 12 hogs were donated and about \$2,700 in funds donations.
 - a. **Community Support.** We are trying to support local projects, and we are always looking for more opportunities that fit with our mission. Last year we sponsored FFA students to National Convention, we provided donations and sponsorships to Brady's Hope, Adams Mill, the Carroll County Community Center, Bacon Festival, 4H Junior Leaders and the Bacon Bowl.
 - b. **Funds Balance.** About \$30,000, which is a good reserve amount.
3. **Motion to approve minutes from 2015 meeting.** Colby McIlrath moved to approve the minutes from the 2015 Member meeting. Raymon Eikenberry seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Directors.** There were no new director candidates as there were no expiring Director terms.
5. **Activities.**
 - a. **Ag Day** – March – 4th Graders from Carroll, Delphi and Rossville get a chance to learn about agriculture. CCAA provides and cooks food.
 - b. **Ag Tour** – July – Visited Robeson Tree Farm, Big Barn Shrimp and Ganwer Freezer Beef.
 - c. **Fair Cooking** – Thanks to Julie Price and Dave Falkenberg for supervising the Junior Leaders Stand. CCAA shares the profit with Jr. Leaders for this fundraising event.
 - d. **Bacon Festival** – We were a vendor this year, and sold only bacon. We had a lot of leftover bacon left, and Raymon sold it. CCAA wants to be a part of the Bacon Festival and it seems to be growing. We are also one of the cash sponsors of the event.

- e. **Bacon Bowl** – We cook for the football Delphi Carroll football game and donate \$500 to the host school athletic boosters. We also sponsored the Pig Plop exhibition event hosted by Junior Achievement.
6. **Thanks to IPC.** President Gary Rader thanked IPC for their generous donation of meat that supports our activities.
7. **Our Mission.** Continued Goal is to support our mission statement.
8. **Syngenta Class Action Lawsuit Update.** Local attorney Abby Diener spoke about the status of the class action lawsuit against Syngenta. She is local counsel for one of the lawsuits and represents a number of farmers in the area.
9. **Code Red.** Andrea Brown introduced Paul Marcellino, who talked about the Code Red project for succession planning. Each attendee received a Code Red USB drive with templates that help the farmer work through assessing farm and personal assets and liability for the purpose of succession planning. Paul asked the critical question of who will take over the family farm when you are gone.
10. **Local Elections.** Miriam Robeson presented information about the upcoming primary elections and encouraged members to be involved in the election process. 2016 will be a contentious year for local elected officials.
11. **Announcements:**
 - a. **Annual Meeting** – February 27 at Methodist Church
 - b. **Rotary Farmer Appreciation Dinner** – February 23 – Free meal and ag-related program.

Meeting Adjourned