

Minutes of the NH State Grange Foundation

Annual Meeting

October 24, 2024

Margate Resort, Laconia, NH and via Zoom

Present: (In person) Jim Tetreault, President; Andrew Savage, Treasurer; Tara Sad, Secretary, Jozi Best - (via Zoom) John Porter, Josh Marshall

Pres. Tetreault welcomed the board at 7:00 pm

-Approval of Secretary's Report

Sec. Tara Sad had distributed the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting, as well as the two winter/spring meetings held in 2024. John Porter had a change to be made – in the list of scholarship recipients, in the April minutes, it said the individual scholarships awarded were \$5,000 each. The correct amount was \$3,000 each. The change will be corrected.

Jozi Best moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as amended (amended minutes attached). The resulting vote was unanimous in favor

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treas. Andrew Savage reported on the state of the Foundation accounts.

As of the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2024)

The Morgan Stanley Account had \$115,547.01

Provident Bank Checking Account \$2,735.10

Funds being held on behalf of Antrim Grange - \$460.00

Five scholarships were awarded, totaling \$15,000.00

Tara Sad moved and Bob Haefner seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and the resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Elections of Directors

Bob Haefner presented the following slate of directors for approval.

Jim Tetreault – 3 year term

Jozi Best – 3 year term

Tara Sad moved and Andrew Savage seconded the motion to approve the slate. The resulting vote was unanimously approved.

The Grange Delegates voted in favor unanimously as well.

Bob Haefner reported that we lost two board members this year – Dave Babson passed away earlier this year. We will miss him, his humor and his devotion to agriculture in the state. We have opted not to replace him.

Gail McWilliam Jellie has opted not to renew her term. Leroy Watson has agreed to serve as a board member for a 3 year term.

Bob Haefner moved and Jozi Best seconded the election of Leroy Watson as board member for a three year term. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

The Delegates of the NH State Grange voted unanimously in favor.

Election of Officers

The following officers were submitted for approval

Jim Tetreault, President

John Porter, Vice President

Andrew Savage, Treasurer

Tara Sad, Secretary

Bob Haefner moved and Jozi Best seconded a motion to accept the slate as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous.

The Delegates of the NH State Grange voted unanimous in favor of the motion.

President's Report

Good evening, fellow Grange members as well as members of the Grange Foundation Board.

I bring my annual President report to the Board Members as well the Officers, delegates and members of the NH State Grange.

This year we approved five scholarships, in the total amount of \$15,000.00 if you are looking for educational opportunity the Grange Foundation's requirements are as follows:

Post-Secondary: student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education leading to a degree

Continuing Re-certification: enrolled in a program to meet requirements of re-certification for a licensed position

General Equivalency Diploma: for the cost of classes or testing for a GED diploma

Adult Education Enrichment: course, seminar or program designed to improve skills

Farm Internship and Agricultural Program: an informal education program related to farming or agribusiness

We held a total of 3 regular meetings via zoom and our annual meeting which is always in person.

We were saddened this year with the unexpected death of long-time board member Dave Babson, he was a strong advocate for education and the work of the foundation. He was also a great resource when it came to agriculture in Carroll County. Dave will be missed not only for his advocacy of Agriculture and education, but his sense of humor and sense of being a total gentleman.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Tetreault, NH Grange Foundation President

Tara Sad moved and Jozi Best seconded a motion to accept the President's Report as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Date of Next Meeting

John Porter offered that the meeting we had in January and the two in April worked well for the review and awarding of scholarships last year, he moved and Bob Haefner seconded approval for scheduling the 2025 meetings for January 21st, a date in April prior to the 15th, and discussion it was decided that the next meeting of the State Grange Foundation Board be **Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** (Tara will distribute the zoom link soon) **John Porter then moved to have a meeting to review the scholarship applications in April prior to the 15th, and schedule the awarding of scholarships for April 29th.**

John Porter moved and Bob Haefner seconded the motion for scheduling of the 2025 meetings, and the resulting vote was unanimously in favor.

The Grange Delegates voted unanimously in favor.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, Bob Haefner moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to adjourn. The time was 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Secretary