**Foundation board meeting - April 23, 2017 -** Brookings, SD

**Those present:** Sandy Osterday, Lyle Anderson, Brett Heezen, Gerri Eide, Craig Ostebee, Dave VanderWal, Terry Leonhardt, Jordanne Howe, Craig Dybedahl, 2 Winner FFA members. Quorum not present so no official votes taken.

* **Minutes** approved as read.
* **State Fair -** Dave VanderWal explained shortfall at state fair FFA livestock shows. Entry fees have been raised, he has reminded the fair board of the draw and revenue that the FFA brings to the fair. The group discussed and decided that the FFA Foundation should attempt to find $500 in sponsorship, but not cover with general funds. We have until the start of State Fair to confirm.
* **Treasurer report:**

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| **Account Balances:** | **as of 3/31/2017** |
| Checking | $257,256.57 |
| High Yield Savings Account | $25,068.17 |
| South Dakota Community Fndtn (12/31/16) | $10,504.41 |
| SD FFA Foundation Endowment | $248,435.79 |
| Bob Bell Scholarship Endowment | $113,314.94 |
| Mary Hanson Scholarship Endowment | $82,068.75 |
| Walt Johnson Memorial Endowment | $35,637.93 |
| Gary Grey Memorial Endowment | $20,211.90 |
|  | **$792,498.46** |

* **Star Partners** – CHS confirmed for July 1 renewal at 3 Star, Bank West confirmed as New 2 Star Partner July 1. Thanks Brett. Renewal letters for July 1 have all been sent. Please help identify new people or businesses that should be invited to Star Partner. New booklets completed and shared. Let Gerri know if you need some to hand out.
* Funding has remained consistent. Keep up the good work.
* Proposal submitted to **Sioux National Ag** for naming rights at Ag Adventure Center. Waiting to hear.
* Meeting set with Sanford for **Agriscience** discussion on May 15th.
* **Foundation Video-** Sandy is meeting with Kieca at Focus Marketing Group to discuss and work on video for Marketing FFA. Address: What is SD FFA. Terry Leonhardt suggested video of Star Partners and their employees who are past FFA members, and their story is a good place to start.
* **State Convention –** Duties were assigned for proficiencies and Career Carnival.
* **Reviewed unsponsored list –** and need to confirm Leadership Retreat sponsors ASAP at $300.
* **Ideas discussed for new contacts:** 
  + Veblin Dairy – Terry is gong ot check on
  + Forest Management Proficiency - Craig D. is going to check on a contact
  + Farm Business Network – contact - Travis Fawcett or Brady Bunde, Ft. Pierre 605-223-4788 ASI – American Sheep Industry – Lets Grow Grants – contact Alan Culham 517-896-7378 [alan@sheepusa.org](mailto:alan@sheepusa.org)
  + Tractor Supply
  + Runnings
  + Center of the Nation Wool, Belle Fourche – Larry Prager 605-210-0872 - ?Livestock area