# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: February 20, 2024

RE: Suggested Agenda for March, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion – The political parties in each legislative district are endorsing their candidates for this year's primary. Farm Bureau members must know who these candidates are. If you don't favor the chosen or endorsed candidate of the party, it might be time to explore other options, whether it's a different candidate or perhaps changing the mindset of the endorsed person. Either way, it's time for each of us to research and know the views and ideologies of those in these political races. Farm Bureau members understand the impact elected officials will have on their future and now is the time to build relationships with those who will be setting public policy in the next Legislative Assembly.
5. Report from NDFB Staff
6. Committee Reports - Committees can include non-board members
   1. Resolutions, Membership, YF&R, Publicity, P&E

(1) Attached is the YF&R and P&E committee’s contact info; please invite your district committee members to your meetings.

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Fidelity Bond information has been mailed out to Counties. Please have payment to the Fargo office by Monday, April 15, 2024.
4. Plan to hold a membership recruitment activity sometime throughout the year, such as a BBQ, or chili cook-off inviting prospective members. Be sure to inform the Bismarck office of events in your area so we can help promote it.
5. NDFB scholarship applications are on the web at [www.ndfb.org/edusafe](http://www.ndfb.org/edusafe). The applications are due in the NDFB office in Fargo on March 1, 2024.
6. Are you receiving the NDFB *Leader Update*? This publication is emailed to county leaders once a month and includes issue updates from our policy team, NDFB event information, and other NDFB news pertinent to county leaders. If you are not receiving it, please email [lisa@ndfb.org](mailto:lisa@ndfb.org).
7. County Grant applications are available for counties in need of financial assistance for their recruitment activities. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are due by July 31. Contact [joey@ndfb.org](mailto:joey@ndfb.org) for an application.
8. We have declared March as recruitment month, and the field staff will be hitting the road hard trying to recruit new members. If you have anyone in mind for them to call, please give them the contact information.
9. Do you have a teen driver? Are you looking for a way to help them drive safer? Then NDFB's Route 1000 program might be for you. To participate, the teen must be a licensed driver under the age of 18 -- or register for a class before their 18th birthday -- and must attend, with a parent or legal guardian our one-hour class. Spring classes begin in March! Learn more at <https://ndfb.org/route1000/>
10. NDFB Week will be held March 10-16, 2024. During March 10-16, 2024, we will celebrate NDFB Week to honor the agricultural contributions of your county Farm Bureau. The theme for this year is “Cultivate Your Future: Nurturing Growth, Sowing Innovation,” which is inspired by NDFB’s newly introduced membership category, the Student Membership. The theme emphasizes the importance of cultivating a sustainable and innovative future in agriculture. It aligns with NDFB’s mission to support and advance the future of agriculture. During this week, we will focus on nurturing young minds, fostering growth, and embracing innovation in farming practices.

**Art Contest for 4th and 5th Graders - Farmers of Tomorrow**

This year, NDFB is holding an art contest for 4th and 5th graders. Students will be asked to create portraits of themselves as future farmers. They can draw themselves in farming attire, surrounded by the crops or animals they would like to cultivate in the future. We will award a winner in each grade in the following categories:

* Creativity and originality of the theme
* Quality of artistic composition and overall design

All four winners will receive $50 and will have their artwork published in NDFB's newsletter, *Focus*. More information and materials can be found at [www.ndfb.org/fbweek](http://www.ndfb.org/fbweek).

1. Consider sponsoring kids to attend the 4-H safety camp in Washburn this summer. The cost per attendee is $350-375, but scholarships of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Contact your Field Rep with any questions.

**Calendar of Events**

**Route 1000 classes**

Spring Route 1000 classes have been scheduled! To see a schedule or to register for an upcoming class please visit <https://www.ndfb.org/events/>

Mar 10-16 NDFB Week

Mar 26 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight – NE

April 9 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight – SW

April 3 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight - NW

April 11 Policy, Politics and Panel Insight – SE