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Friends of Wagner Farm Annual Meeting Agenda 6 pm, April 7, 2026 at Wagner Farm President's Report, Jennifer Czerwinski

Our small but enthusiastic board accomplished a great deal in 2025. While modest in size, we welcomed two new embers—Joe Marks and Hans Varga—whose insights and talents have already strengthened our work. We are truly grateful for their contributions.

In February, we hosted our second Wagner Speakeasy Fundraiser, a delightful evening made possible by the generosity of our sponsors and attendees. With its 1920s-themed games, music, and food, the event was not only memorable but also successful in raising funds to support the Friends of Wagner Farm mission.

June was an especially active month. We were proud to continue our support of the Wagner Farm Livestock Fair, which highlights the dedication and hard work of local 4H Club members, including the Glenview Clovers, along with other agricultural groups from Cook and Lake Counties. Thanks to our sponsorship and that of other community partners, the fair was free to attend for the first time, drawing visitors from across the region.

Also in June, we held our annual donor and volunteer appreciation event. It was a pleasure to thank in person those whose generosity and commitment make our work possible and who continue to support Historic Wagner Farm.

In 2025, we also celebrated some remarkable milestones. Wagner Farm welcomed its 2 millionth visitor in September—an extraordinary achievement that few of us could have imagined when we first discovered the farm. Over the years, more than

140,000 schoolchildren have participated in Wagner Farm's educational programs, learning about the history of farming in our communities. Of those, approximately 7,000 students were able to attend through the Friends of Wagner Farm Peter Brown Scholarship Fund. In 2025, we were proud to increase our funding for this program, allowing even more students to benefit from these experiences.

We are also deeply grateful for the generosity shown by our supporters this past year. We received a significant bequest from the estate of a longtime volunteer, as well as an annual donation designated to help families in need attend farm events. These gifts, along with ongoing community support, enable us to continue our stewardship of Wagner Farm.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to continue our core programs and events. Our annual donor and volunteer appreciation event is scheduled for June 24, and we look forward to sponsoring the Wagner Farm Livestock Fair on June 13. We will also maintain our commitment to funding educational school grants.

At the same time, we recognize an increasing need to advocate for the farm in new ways. Over the past year, we have stepped forward as a stronger voice of support, and we plan to continue building tools and strategies to amplify that voice. Guided by our mission to create meaningful educational experiences, we will work to engage community leaders, donors, and neighbors, helping them understand the unique value Wagner Farm offers—an experience unlike any other.

There is much work ahead, but it is both meaningful and worthwhile. We remain committed to preserving and promoting Wagner Farm for generations to come.

Adjournment

Mission Statement

Friends of Wagner Farm provides stewardship and fundraising support to Historic Wagner farm to expand programming, create educational experiences and enhance the farm property.