President Sarah Sylvester called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:40 pm after our Parliamentary Procedure workshop. Present were Sarah, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, Trudy Sibley, Jane Thocher, and Lance VanSickle. Pledges were recited by all.

The Secretary’s report was presented. Lance moved, Trudy supported, motion carried to accept the report as presented. Doug reported that there had been a lot of activities in the past month. The report was filed as presented.

In committee reports,

- **Large Market** still has space in the Lamb project. The steer weigh-in went well.
- **Small Market** has space available and their drop date is February 1.
- **HDC** has four shows planned.
- **Youth Council Sub-Committees—Scholarship** Defined requirements for teen ambassador and met to discuss the relationship of council and ambassadors, awards, scholarship, etc. Looking to strengthen the role of Ambassador Advisor. Possibly have an introductory parent/youth meeting and then 4-Hers can apply.

**Fair** The 2016 Oceana County Fair Dates are August 23-27th.

In old business,

Thank You’s were received from Maria Semelbauer., Scott Pankow, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Deanna Gray and Gordie the Grinder.

In new business,

As of now July dates at the fair grounds are 23 & 24 and 30 & 31 when we may have the yard sale bake sale.

After the Thanksgiving press release in the Herald-Journal about plat books, $1300+ of books were sold. We discussed whether or not to go ahead with a new book. Jane moved, Lance supported, motion carried to ask the publishing company (Farm and Home) to send a contract bid for a new plat book.

A Fundraising Application from Amanda Coker of the Silver Spurs Club to sell jewelry. Money raised will go towards club supplies & activities/fair decorations. Karen moved, Jane supported, motion carried to approve the application.

The Scholarship Revision committee reported that an interview was added and the application was tweaked.

**Lori’s Updates**

- Four new Learning Labs have been purchased, two with the Ed Strong Memorial Fund and two with Alcoa Donations (Beef, Poultry, Dog, Goat). Clubs are encouraged to utilize these exceptional learning tools.
- Expansion and Review Committee met for the first time at the end of December. 8 members attended and 9 others sent regrets but will try to attend the next meeting. Gaps identified include: a participation ratio of 2:1 girls to boy, and low participation in the Hispanic community. The next meeting will be in either February or March.
- Folk Festival plans are beginning. It is the last Thursday in April.
- Farm Bureau P & E committee is going to partner with us for Spring Break Camp, April 2 at the First Baptist Church of Hart. Simultaneous activities for youth 5-8 and 9-13. Will need teen and adult volunteers.
- The Teen Leadership Workshop at Kettunen Center will have four youth attending and two presenting. Grace A. and Sierra A. are teaching a session on planning for National Volunteer Week in April.
- Project FOCUS lessons— A 6 week Animal Science lesson series was presented in the middle school. Acting and Improv are going on now.

There being no other business, Lance moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter, Secretary