The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Vice-President Kip Cole. Members present were Kip, Heidi Bromley, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Doug Fris, Michelle Holladay, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Ann Marie Overla, Cassandra Pankow, Karen Pankow, and Jill Rockwell. Pledges were recited by all. The secretary’s report was presented. Karen moved to accept the report as printed; Michelle supported; motion passed. Treasurer Doug Fris, gave the treasurer’s report. Cash and bank accounts show $700.06 in Checking, $797.21 in Fifth Third Checking, $3,035.24 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $658.91 in Savings, $20,331.81 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,457.68 in two CD’s giving a total of $45,980.91. Michelle moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried.

In old business nothing new was reported on the incorporation status.

Suggestions for the cover image for the Plat Book were asked for. Several were given—4-H, the community, the four seasons, old time photos, county history, and a contest to come up with one. The plat book committee will take these ideas into consideration and move forward.

4-H Snapshot Binders were discussed further. Local information is being assembled. The company that the county works with for supplies has given a break on the cost. Six will be made, one for each of these--Hart, Shelby, Walkerville, Hesperia, Montague, and Pentwater. The hope is to launch in April.

Exploration Days books are in. Chaperones and CCA are needed. Some scholarships are available. Sign up starts on March 18. The sooner 4-Hers get registrations in the more likely to get the choices they want. Lori and Doug are going. CCA and Chaperone volunteers possibly include Tara and Steve Vandermaaelt.

In committee reports Folk Festival is set for April 24 at the fair grounds. There will be another meeting in April to finalize everything. Funding has been requested for bussing for Shelby students. There was no HDC meeting in February. No news from Dairy.

Oceana County Life Skills Vision Exercise - defining a position description for Council Membership. Lori will use this to advertise volunteer opportunities with the United Way volunteer website.

Youth Participation Fees for the Michigan State 4-H Program were discussed. Each youth pays an annual fee of $10, $30 maximum per family. $5 of the $10 stays in Oceana County for new programs or to update current programming. The money is held on campus in an account Lori and Kathy have access to. How should we spend the money to best serve the program and the youth? A model for grant proposals by youth and leaders was presented to be discussed in April.

Last year our enrollment brought in $1325. To date we have purchased:

- CHA Composite Manual - $71.90
- Balance of University of Illinois purchase for Feedstuff Curriculum (partially funded by the Carter’s Excellence in Agriculture Grant) - $37.51
- DVD’s from Horse World Media – $85.85
- Rabbit Showmanship DVD/CD-Rom - $85
- Master Equine Manager Quiz CD University of Iowa – $11.19
- 4-H mall Curriculum - $58.95

Totaling: $350.40, leaving a balance of $974.60

Lori’s Updates:
- The Lending Library Resource additions will be shown next month.
- She attended a meeting for training for United Way Volunteer Workshops.
- 4-H horse participants did presentation on riding horses and 4-H at the Hart Preschool.

In other business Michelle reported on the Veterinary Swine, Beef and Lamb Clinics at Kettunen Center. The kids had a great time and learned a lot. In total, Oceana County sent 5 adults and 16 youth to the two workshops. Cathy Alvesteffer’s new Fun Finders Club members said they had a blast at the first event.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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