

OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

March 9, 2015

President Sarah Sylvester called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Sarah, Heidi Bromley, Penny Burillo, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Doug Fris, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Trudy Sibley, and Jane Thocher. Pledges were recited by all.

The secretary's report was presented. Doug moved to accept the report; Cheyenne supported; motion carried. Doug Fris gave the treasurer's report. Cash and Bank Accounts show \$3036.15 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, \$16,747.48 in Fifth Third Savings, \$1066.96 in Fifth Third Checking and \$20,526.11 in two CD's for a total of \$41,376.70. Kathy moved to approve the treasurer's report; Jane supported; motion carried.

In committee reports, **Large Market**, **Small Market**, and **HDC** all reported no activity since the last meeting. **HDC** is still taking sponsorships. There were no reports from **Youth Council Sub-Committees**. **Fair Board**—The Fair Board continues to see an increase in expenses for youth projects. Judges are all requesting increases in their daily fees. As the fair budget is limited, there may be some changes, possibly ribbons or premiums, not both. It was pointed out that some businesses or individuals might consider sponsorships to aid in covering costs. Amerigas is sponsoring the HDC awards this year. There may be other untapped community resources that can't afford to buy an animal at auction but would support our efforts in this way. Any support raised would need to be for 4-H classes ONLY.

In new business, we were given a presentation on "Teen Leadership" and "Parliamentary Procedure" workshops by Jackie Martin, Extension Educator in Leadership and Civic Engagement via Zoom. She explained what these workshops involved and how they could work to benefit 4-H participants in Oceana County. Another possible program is "Conflict Resolution for clubs". Jackie said the cost for a team member to come would be \$50 travel fee or for a class lasting over 3 hours, \$100. The number of participants can range; they have facilitated groups of twelve to seventy-five youth and adults.

We had an initial look at the <http://mi.4honline.com> and <http://oceanacounty4h.shutterfly.com> websites.

Exploration Days—Books are in, chaperones may be needed. School Outreach to Shelby, Montague, Pentwater and Walkerville is in progress.

Spring Breakin' the Winter Blues day camp proposal was presented. There will be activities for three different age groups. For teens age 14-19 "**Preparing for Summer Employment**" will take place at Country Dairy, either Thursday April 2nd or April 9th. For 4-Hers 9-13 "**Creative Concoctions!**" will take place Saturday, April 4th at the Hart Community Center. For 4-Hers 5-8 "**Paint, Plant & Produce!**" will take place on Saturday, April 11th at the Hart Community Center. Each of these will cost \$10 for participants and they need to bring a sack lunch. Registration forms were distributed.

Cassandra Pankow's Scholarship Thank You letter was read.

Lori's Updates

- 4-H Online now is live. EVERYONE must enroll this way.
- The aim of Michigan 4-H is to reach 20% of Michigan youth.

The Expansion and Review Committee will be a broad group of people: public servants, teachers, librarians, business owners, etc. Suggestions for volunteers are welcome.

In the Kettunen Center workshop policy for youth approved at the February meeting, Penny moved, Doug supported, motion carried to amend the policy so it says ". . . If the 4-Her reports on the workshop at 4-H Council, a club meeting or at school, the check will never be cashed. . . .".

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter

Kathy Carter, Secretary