OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES
May 9, 2016

Sarah Sylvester called the meeting to order. Present were Sarah, Lori Cargill, Karen Pankow, Heidi Bromley, Doug Fris, Ann Marie Overla, Trudy Sibley, Jane Thocher, Chad Coppess.

Pledges were recited. April secretary minutes were not available. Treasurer’s report given and filed.

Large Market Report:
- Swine pictures are due Wednesday, May 11th. One project member dropped from her project due to beginning college at the time of Fair.
- Lamb Pictures are due June 1st by 5:00 p.m.
- A Grand Slam Showmanship & Fitting Clinic will be held May 21, 2016 at the Brian & Michelle Holladay’s farm.

Small Market Report:
- There will be a meeting in June. They will also be looking to find other possible auctioneers in the area, in case needed.

OCHDC Report (report given by Chad Coppess):
- Shaggy Show went well. Another OCHDC horse show coming up May 14th.
- Financially they are looking good and are working towards getting a grant for horse shows through Alcoa by having 4-H leaders who work at Alcoa donate match time towards a $3000.00 grant.

Youth Council Committee Reports:
- Interviews were held for the Oceana County Competitive Scholarship. Six met all scoring requirements to receive said scholarship. Schools have been notified and Lori will be presenting.
- The countywide 4-H Bake Sale went very well. There was a total of $568.00 made. These proceeds will be divided between the 14 participants who volunteered at it and are attending Exploration Days. This will amount to $40.57 for each participant.

Fair Board Report:
- Jane Thocher, as the Oceana County 4-H Rep to the Fair, reported on revisions being made to the Fair Book:
  ✓ Need to have 5 participants in a class to give a trophy.
  ✓ The goat classes will be combined, same for rabbits. This will bring it back in line with what the classes were like when the state set them.
  ✓ 4-H projects in the Fair must have had a minimum of 6 meetings (at least 6 hours) of work.
  ✓ Vegetables & fruits must be grown by the youth.
  ✓ Some kits will be removed.
  ✓ There will be a suggested amount of projects that can be entered in the Fair.
  ✓ The collections will be condensed back to what it originally was. There will only be 2 categories (educational, toys) for collections and a 3 x 5 card must explain what you did, purpose of collection.
  ✓ All children will be on the same playing field. Rewording policy regarding special needs.
  ✓ There will only be one Best of Show/division, if one is deserved.
  ✓ Any sewing or knitting, etc. project participants are encouraged to participate in the dress review.

- Clancy is looking for new speakers for the Grandstand. The front gate and several animal barns are getting repainted.

Old Business:

Capital Experience was tabled as the girls who attended, Cassie Holladay & Kaylee Herrygers, were not present.

Exploration Days registration has ended. We have 14 females and 4 males attending along with chaperones Lori Cargill, Doug Fris, and Skylynn Brimmer.

Discussions on the youth applying for scholarship and their scholarship request letters. These should be a formal letter and no a note asking for scholarship. The dollar amount presented by Lori on the spreadsheet was voted on and approved.
The meeting regarding ideas to revitalize Folk Festival was not well attended, three people showed up and this included Lori. Another meeting may be set to try to get more interest. It was suggested as an alternative to hold a family weekend experience for the whole family to attend, that this may get more people to attend.

Diane has advertising paperwork for the Plat Book advertising, revisions have begun with Farm & Home, Doug will be transferring money to pay Plat Book bill this week.

New Business:

Chad presented OCHDC’s by-laws. They were voted on and approved.

Tentative date for the yard sale/bake sale is July 12-16 with the 12th being the set-up date.

Smart Goals development:
Following sticky-dot voting, Lori divided those in attendance into 3 groups to discuss the 3 most popular ideas (Increasing Social and Media Presence, Expanding Current 4-H Club offerings i.e. robotics, and Hosting Additional County-Wide Events) Each group developed actions they felt would accomplish these ideas.

How can we better communicate with each club and youth within the club?

4-H Staff Report:

Lori provided updates on the classroom programming she has been doing including; healthy lifestyles classes at Walkerville, Spitler’s Project Focus about insects and entomology. She will be doing programming at the Hart Library involving fitness and also gardening projects at the Shelby Library and Pentwater Garden Club.

Other upcoming events include Harts Sparks and the Asparagus Day Parade which is June 11, 2016.

No specific plans available with the 3 “Teens as Teachers”

The state 4-H Program is looking for an Exchange Host in Oceana County for a 13 year old Japanese boy, sibling to the Japanese exchange student from 2014.

As there was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Trudy Sibley, Acting Secretary

(These minutes have not yet been approved)