The regular meeting of 4-H Council was called to order by President Sarah Sylvester at 7:00 pm. Those present were Sarah, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, Jill Rockwell, Jane Thocher, Trudy Sibley and Lance VanSickle. Pledges were recited by all. The secretary’s report was presented and approved by consensus. The treasurer’s report showed $530.18 in Fifth Third Checking, $3,036.15 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $16,764 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,526.11 in two CDs for Total Assets of $40,856.44.

In Committee reports, Large Market meets Monday, January 26, Small Market has nothing scheduled, HDC is scheduled to meet Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm, and Youth Council Subcommittees have no meetings set. Fair Board--Last week was MAFE(fair assn.) Convention. Oceana Fair Board representatives attended and said there is nothing new or big to bring up.

In old business we discussed whether or not a scholarship should be awarded to Sofia Burillo-Castro for participating in LABO exchange. It was decided to table the discussion until more information could be presented in February.

In new business, Lori reported that Kurt Johnson received his scholarship and read his very nice Thank-You Letter. Three other scholarships are pending their thank-you letters.

Trudy proposed to dispense with some of the 400+ 2010-plat books that are still left. Her brother drives school bus and they thought it would be good for drivers to have a book on their buses to check where a new student lives, etc. It was further suggested that area teachers may have a use for them. Jane moved to contact transportation and curriculum departments of area schools about this, Trudy supported, motion carried. Members present received their free copies of the 2015 Plat Book.

Lori utilized the eight objectives of the Youth Council constitution to start a discussion about organizational goals. They were posted on the walls and Goal Setting Worksheets with examples were distributed as a tool to help the Council. Council members then brainstormed achievable goals and methods of implementation. As a group, we saw a need to provide more leadership training opportunities locally for youth and adults with a focus on efficient meetings and parliamentary procedure.

Lori’s Updates
- Kaylee Herrygers was accepted to the State 4-H Teen Leadership Council.
- Four teens are attending Youth Leadership Spectacular—Grace Alvesteffer, Lexi Mischler, Lilia Gonzalez, and Caitlin Coppess.
- To date, eight youth and adults have enrolled in Beef, Sheep, Swine/Vet Science and four have enrolled in Winterfest.
- Capitol Experience is now a 4-H and Farm Bureau partnership and will be held in the March timeslot that 4-H has maintained for years.

Jane said that Joy is engaged and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter, Secretary