

OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES
July 13, 2015

President Sarah Sylvester called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7 pm. Present were Sarah, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Michelle Holladay, Karen Pankow, Jill Rockwell, Trudy Sibley, Jane Thocher. And Lance VanSickle. Pledges were recited by all.

The secretary's report was presented. Jane moved, Jill supported, motion carried to accept the report as presented. The treasurer's report was presented. Cash and Bank Accounts show \$3,036.60 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, \$697.62 in Fifth Third Checking, \$17,229.70 in Fifth Third Savings, and \$20,526.11 in two CD's for a total of \$41,490.03. Lance moved, Michelle supported, motion carried to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

In committee reports:

- **Large Market** held the Hoof Trimming Event July 11. Everything went very well. They were finished by 11:30. Twenty-five were done. The hoof trimmer said the same numbers were done at Traverse City and it took until 4 pm to do. The next meeting will be July 20 at 7:00 pm.
- **Small Market** will meet July 20 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.
- **HDC** has seven slots at the State Horse Show that are all filled. There are two alternates. They will be reviewing their by-laws. There is a HDC Open Youth Horse Show on Saturday.

In old business,

- The leadership and parliamentary procedure meeting only had three participants attend, but it was a good meeting for those who came. Council would like to investigate hosting one during the school year.
- The yard-sale bake sale begins tomorrow with set up, **adult** volunteers still needed.
- The Avian Influenza means there are adjusted classes for exhibit available in the fair book. Market Project youth were able to drop by a deadline if not interested in competing without a bird. Signs will need to be posted on the building about no exhibiting of birds, eggs, feathers, etc. at the fairgrounds.
- At Hart Sparks, volunteers made Chinese Dance Ribbons with kids and had a wheel with the four H's to explain about 4-H.
- Kayla Dean was awarded the Equine Science Senior Level State Award at Exploration Days.

In new business,

- Lori informed us that the insurance for 4-H Council is up for renewal. Jane moved, Trudy supported, motion carried to renew the insurance policy.
- Ambassador applications are due July 29. An interview committee is needed. The following volunteered to be on the committee—Karen, Jane, Trudy, and Michelle plus Cathy Alvesteffer and Heidi Bromley. Interviews will take place on August 3. What should the ambassadors wear--shirts, sash, crowns, hats, banners, etcetera--was discussed.
- Next, the Leader Banquet was discussed. We should not have it on October 17th as that's Saddle Up For St. Jude day. It was decided to have it on Monday, November 2. We discussed where to hold the banquet. Someone suggested the Masonic Hall. We would need to know how many tables it can hold and how much they charge. The Optimist Hall is \$100. Sarah S. and Trudy S. will follow up.
- Sierra Albus reported on the 4-H Spokesperson Workshop she, along with Emma Babbin and Crystal Bromley, attended at the Kellogg Center at MSU. They asked each other interview questions, were taught etiquette with lunch, and learned about social media, public speaking, and life skills. 4-H is not just working with your project. It can include all of these things.
- We decided that the Awards Program will be on Sunday October 2 at 3:00 pm. It is hoped to have it at the Hart Baptist Church. Sarah will MC the program. The week before there will be a meeting at Jane's house to determine the winners of each award.
- "Take A Kid Fishing" was cancelled by the Pentwater Sportsfishing Association because they would not agree to: one adult with a background check on each boat, sign a code of conduct, no alcohol or drugs. Council does not plan to send this to the Community Events Committee for alternative programming at this time.
- The teen group TOPPC is interested in partnering with 4-H on a bullying prevention program in Hart Public Schools for the 2015/2016 school year. Lori will work with after school programs on this. Some other things mentioned were Showing With Character, a community project, "Fill the Halls."
- Leader Update meetings are being planned again for late fall 2015.
- The Ed Strong Memorial Fund has approximately \$1,000 donated to it so far. We discussed how we could use it. Trudy moved and Karen supported to order learning labs in Ed's memory. Lance moved to amend the motion to purchase poultry and goat labs from Ed's Memorial Fund and the beef lab with funds from the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund; Kathy supported; motion carried. We then proceeded to vote on the motion as amended and it passed.
- The Shelby Street Fest is an opportunity for a club to earn money by selling water. Trish Varney is coordinating.
- The dog club will be having a dog show "Shake, Wag and Roll" in Pentwater on August 8 at the Village Green.
- There are 200 books to give away at Project Homeless Connect on August 14. If books remain, they will be distributed at the Commodity Carnival during fair and in schools this fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter

Kathy Carter, Secretary