Meetings.

August 7th, 2012

Mecosta County Service Building

Meeting brought to order 6:35pm by President Pat Marek. Pledges led by council youth.

Members Present: Kenny Smith, Alicia Weeks, Ramona Okkema, Karen Greenbay, Kathleen Smith, Jamie Weeks, Trudy Herzog, Darcie Marek, Pat Marek, Mike Jack, Effie Jack

Members Excused: Ashley Marek, Susan Smith, Caitlin Marek  Members Absent: Mike Deater, Laureen Deater

Public/Guests Present: Tammy and Telyse Belka, DJ Greenbay. Public comment: None presented. Effie made a motion to accept Tammy and Telyse Belka as new members. 2nd by Karen. Motion passes. Discussion followed. Welcome aboard Tammy and Telyse Belka as new Mecosta County 4-H Council members.

Secretary’s Report- Correction needs to be made: Trudy took notes and NOT Karen. Secretary’s report is accepted as read with correction.

Treasurer’s Report-Karen passed out printed report for June, July and a few days of August. Discussion followed. Checking Account Balance is at $9,313.60. Savings Account is at $6025.08. The monthly paper statement fee will not be going away. Melissa suggested that the council allow Karen to move to online banking so the council is no longer charged $3.00 each month.

4-H Report- Fall TSC dates for raising 4-H funds this year are September 19th through the 30th. JC Penny fundraiser dates are not yet known.

The County 4-H camp week was last week. Pioneer newspaper featured the camp with a full color article. Trudy Herzog arrived. The livestock auction brought in approximately $5,000.00 more than last year. Melissa suggested the 4-H Council considering clerking during the auction due to several “hiccups” this past auction. Registration for Kettenun Center has now gone live; online. A credit card is needed. Kathleen Smith asked how that system works when chaperones are needed for many events. Melissa did not have that information yet. The first workshop is now open. It is an arts and crafts workshop. We will be doing access training for all leaders between now and the end of September. At least one leader from each club must attend. This is something different than the Fall Leader Update meetings. In the next 10 days to 2 weeks. We are losing two 4-H clubs: Rough Riders and East County Line. Michigan State 4-H shooting sports tournament was last week. Four County members attended. Kenny Smith took the State Champs for 3D archery. This was out of 39 4-Hers. Congratulations Kenny! Regarding State Awards this past June: Suzan Smith took State Honors in Citizenship and Community Service. Kenny Smith took Honororable Mention in Shooting Sports and Chole Yonker took Honororable Mention in Horses.
The last official hard copy Newsletter will be sent out next month. From then on it will be presented online.

**Fundraiser Requests:** 25th and 26th of August are the dates for the Paws & Claws yard sale. This is a fundraiser request. This is the same date as the MIHA show. This is at the fairgrounds. Booths will be $25.00 each. There will be a main yard sale and booths available for others that may want to set up their items for sale. See Kathleen Smith for further information.

**Awards Committee**- Looking at the first weekend in October for the event date. Also hoping to use the 100th year anniversary of Mecosta County 4-H as the theme. The committee is looking to have this event at Morley Stanwood again this year.

**Finance & Budget Committee**- Pat, Karen and Darcie will join this committee.

**Promotion Committee**- The Youth reported on the parade. The float made the newspaper. Deater's horses looked good. The float looked good. Thanks to all that helped make it a success.

**Fundraising committee**- The Pie in the face raised $323.74.

Kathleen makes a motion to have a fundraiser for a wreath fundraiser at $20.00 a piece for delivery. 2nd by Mike Jack. Discussion followed. Motion passes.

**Dairy Booth Report**- Effie passed out a printed form with money breakdown, supplies, and payouts to clubs. Effie shared suggestions....most were mentioned already in the print out. Melissa says the dairy booth building belongs to 4-H and not Mecosta County Fairgrounds. She has the documentation.

Melissa-Out of this council committee on three are bonded; Melissa, Karen and Ramona are the only bonded to handle the money. Darcie asked if we should be bond the Dairy booth manager. This is something that needs to be looked into.

**Youth Council Members**- Youth terms are up. Discussion followed. **Council Membership**- Discussion followed.


**4-H Awards Banquet**- Item has already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Kathleen makes motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Alicia Weeks. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is September 4th, 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ramona Okkema