Meeting called to order 6:33 pm by President Pat Marek. Pledges led by council youth.

**Members Present:** Telyse Belka, Karen GreenBay, Trudy Herzog, Kathleen Smith, Ashley Marek, Pat Marek, Darcie Marek, Jamie Weeks, Kerri Merrill, Tiffany Spedowski, Janet Snider, Kenny Smith, Tammy Belka, Evelyn Okkema

**Members Excused:** Mike Jack, Alicia Marek, Chloe Yonker, Erik Little, Marie Goltz

**Melissa Bowman- Present**

**Public/Guests:** Tim Smith, Myra Vansyckle, Ramona Okkema, Laurie and Mike Deater

**Review & Approval of Agenda-** Approved. Moved appoint Committees under Elections.

**Public Comment:** Ramona is asking for help at “Breakfast on the Farm” in Stanton on Sept. 9 am-1 pm. Help is needed before, during, and after. Please contact Ramona if any 4-H Clubs or people would like to help. Laurie and Mike Deater, and Myra Vansyckle are considering joining Council.

**Reports:**

- **Secretary’s Report- Trudy Herzog**
  Approved June Minutes

- **Treasurer’s Report- Karen GreenBay**
  Checkbook register balance as of 6/30/13 was $6,753.44. Savings account balance as of 6/30/13 was $6,029.80. Budget Reports were not presented. The $3.00 paper statement charge assessed by the banks should no longer be charged after April. Still need to follow up for reimbursement of past fees withdrawn. Treasurer’s Report included checks written in June and July 2013. Correction to June/July Report: Check #1222 dated 7/26/13 was for Council Youth promos and giveaways, not Camp for $164.55. It was noted that Plat Book Sales for June and July have not been paid for yet.

  Approved the following invoices for payment: None

**4-H Report- Melissa Bowman**

1. Melissa distributed copies of the 4-H Project Areas and Definitions for 2012-2013. No big changes are expected for 2014.
2. Re-Enrollments: Asking for all leaders to review the Access Database to verify club list/roster, especially those members dual in enrolled in multiple clubs. Year End reporting paperwork will be due soon. Letters with coming deadlines will be mailed before September 1st.
3. New Committee Forms (copies passed out) will now be required to be completed and turned into Melissa within 24hrs after all committee meetings are held.
4. A Clover Charm fundraiser is going on now (flyers passed out). No local fundraising requests at this time.
5. Coming Activities: Pumpkin fest set for October 12th. Leader meeting dates will be set soon.
6. Ice Mountain has generously promised a $1500.00 gift to be used at the discretion of the Council and Melissa. A spending plan must be submitted in writing before the check will be cut.
Committee Reports:

**Awards Committee- Chair:** Darcie, Pat, Trudy, Mike, Tammy, Telyse and Kerri
Next meeting scheduled for August 22\(^{nd}\), 6pm at Sharon’s Restaurant.

**Finance & Budget Committee-**
Meeting set for August 19\(^{th}\) at 6:30pm.

**Promotion Committee-**
1. Just hosted the 4-H Family Picnic this past Friday, with 30 people in attendance at School Section Lake.
2. Chloe originally presented a design to make 25 Council ID buttons. Due to Chloe’s absence, we do not know the current status of the buttons.

**Fundraising Committee-**
1. **Pie in the Face:** Phenomenal success, raising $849.86.
2. **Cookbooks:** Kathleen is still working on them.
3. **Arena Signs:** All signs but one has now been re-done (due to Business owner failing to get back with Tim to complete). All signs have been sold for this year but one space is available for next year so far. Dick Ford will not be renewing next year due to retirement. This will leave a 4x4 ad space available. Kathleen will save Arena Sign billings onto a flash drive to hand over to Trudy for next year. Jamie made a motion, Tammy seconded, to have Council purchase a flash drive for this purpose, not to exceed a cost of $10.
4. **Plat Books:** Mike absent, no report available.
5. Would like to consider doing a silent auction again at the year-end banquet this year.

**Dairy Booth Committee-**
Jamie Distributed Dairy Booth Report for 2013. Corrected Total Profit balance should read $1,674.38.
Due to lack of club participation working the booth during fair, an Executive Board decision was made to reward individual club members a free ice cream for every 2 hours worked in the booth.

**New Business:**

**4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course:** 4 Modules designed for positive youth development/leadership. Volunteers may log on at any time at [http://4h.wsu.edu](http://4h.wsu.edu). Password is: volunteer. Recommend printing certificate at the end for records. **All new volunteers and all shooting sport volunteers will be required to complete** the course as part of their orientation before working with any youth. Although not required yet, the course is highly recommended for all current volunteers.

**Fair Review:** Ran into a glitch with the activity booth. Per State Health Inspector, we needed a license to decorate cupcakes because it was on the fairgrounds, governed by the State and not the County. Council picnic would have been a problem as well if they had known. Several members had positive reviews on the new photographer. This was Patty’s first year running the exhibit building and she did a great job. More help is needed setting up pictures, possibly from the Teen club in the future. Karen noted the possibility of utilizing Ferris students as volunteers in the future.

**Council Membership:**

**Youth Members:** 1 Year Terms.
Kathleen made a motion, Tammy seconded, to accept Telyse, Kenny, and Evelyn’s second terms. Motion carried.
**Adult Members:** 2 Year Terms. Allowed two 2 Year terms consecutively with a possible re-nomination of a 3rd term if no one else is willing to serve. (Terms starting June 30 to Dec do not count). After the maximum 6 years, a one year hiatus must be taken.

Due to term limits, Karen GreenBay will be off the Council for the coming year. Karen has done a wonderful job serving as the Council Treasurer for the past two years and her service to the Council was greatly appreciated. Darci motioned, Kathleen seconded, to elect a Treasurer for a 1 year term only (due to expiring term limits) in order to stay on track with the By-Laws.

**New Members:** Kerri motioned, Kathleen seconded to accept new members Myra Vansyckle, Laurie Deater, and Mike Deater to the Council. Motion carried.

**Nomination of Officers:**
- President: Tammy nominated Pat Marek. Pat Marek nominated Evelyn Okkema.
- Secretary: Evelyn Okkema nominated Trudy Herzog. Pat Marek nominated Evelyn Okkema.

**Election of Officers for 2013-2014: Terms to begin September 1st.**
- **President:** Pat Marek
- **Secretary:** Evelyn Okkema
- **Treasurer:** Trudy Herzog

Nominations and Elections for Youth Officers will be done at next month’s meeting.

**ROC Banner:** Marie has made a design but since she is not available at tonight’s meeting for an update, discussion is tabled until later.

**Committees set for 2013-2014:**
- **Awards Committee:** Chair Darci, Pat, Trudy, Telyse, Tammy, Kerri, Tiffany, Janet, Laurie, and Mike Jacks.
- **Budget Committee:** Trudy, Pat, Darcie, and Mike Deater.
- **Promotion Committee:** Kathleen, Kenny, Telyse, Evelyn
- **Fundraising Committee:** Chair Tammy, Myra, Darcie, Janet, and Kerrie.
- **Arena Signs Committee:** Trudy, Mike Jacks, and Kathleen.
- **Plat Book Committee:** Mike Jacks and Mike Deater.
- **Dairy Booth Committee:** Chair Kathleen, Tammy, Jamie, Myra, Janet, and Tiffany.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm by Janet, 2nd by Kenny.

Next Meeting is September 3, 2013 at the Mecosta County Services Building 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Herzog