

Mecosta County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes for November 3rd, 2015
Mecosta County Service Building

Meeting called to order 6:35pm by President Tammy Belka. Pledges led by youth council.

Executive members: President: Tammy Belka-present, Vice President: Darcie Marek-present, Secretary: Ramona Okkema-present, Treasurer: Trudy Herzog-present.

Members Present: Erik Little, Julie Strohkirch, Myra VanSyckle, Bryan Marquardt, Julia Doughty, Rebecca Herzog, Calvin McKay

Members Absent and excused: Laureen Deater, Mike Deater, Stefani Larson, Tiffany Spedowski, Zane Carey

Members Absent and not excused: Janet Snider

Added to agenda: Under new business: -United Way Cake Auction. Under Plat books: To discuss postcards

Becca approves agenda with changes. 2nded by Calvin

Public/Guests: Andrea and Steve Doughty, Mrs. Mary McKay

Pat Dignum: Is with the county as temporary staff while Tarin Minkel is on Maternity Leave

No public comment

Reports:

Secretary's Report: –nothing to present

Treasurer's Report: Due to a mix up in who won what placing in the council scholarship a second check had to be written out to Telyse Belka for \$250.00 since the other recipient's check had already been submitted to financial aid. Trudy mentioned that the winners were mentioned in the April's meeting. She thought nether Secretary or Treasurer were present.

Savings Account Balance as of June 30th 2015: \$7,035.99.

Checkbook Balance as of 10/31/2015: \$ 18,863.12. Bank Statement as of 10/18/2015: \$17,924.83

****Council has agreed to allow either the President or Vice President (Tammy Belka or Darcie Marek) are authorized to be on the bank account at this time. In the past it has just been the President between the two positions. Taking into consideration Tammy's absence from council meetings to care for her father a vote was taken via email. Tammy Belka is currently the President of the Mecosta County 4-H Council and Darcie Marek is the Vice President of the Mecosta County 4-H Council.

Trudy had taken this time to share a bit about the Trunk or Treat event. Trunk or Treat was a hit; very little candy left over. Animals were a huge hit. Rain held off till the end.

Extension Report: Pat- Tarin will be here for our December meeting. She is planned to return for the short 3 day Thanksgiving week. Pat shared information about an Invite on ISSUES meeting. Some people that 4-H council are familiar with that received an invitation were Steve Kramer, Eric Little, Pat Marek and the Market girls. No Mareks were able to attend. It was brought up as to why the 4-H youth ambassadors were not invited. It was also suggested that a backup system be set in place if someone cannot attend.

Awards Committee: Went good. We will be revamping the awards. The nomination forms will be revamped. Erick was presented with the 2015 Award for Friend of 4-H by Tammy Belka. He was unable to attend.

Finance & Budget Committee: Time to turn in receipts to Trudy from banquet.

4-H Promotional Committee: Erik Spoke about speaking PSA on radio station...they will do as many as the kids are willing to make up.

Next Wednesday is Veteran's Day is as well. Match Day is the 10th of November. Becca is to get ahold of Zane for a meeting next week Wed. @6:30pm.

Fundraising Committee:-Brian can do the designs in B & W that came in. Calvin's is not in pile. Put something on FB about t-shirt design. We are extending the design contest one more week and request that the designs be in B & W.

Arena Signs: One sign has been approved. They need to get a check.

Myra makes a motion we purchase the required of the county wall maps ahead of time and 2nd by Rebecca. Motion carries.

Dairy Booth: Myra has looked at Cedar Crest- a price list of their novelty ice cream.

Someone mentioned: Swan's "if you pre order from them when having a fundraiser you could get 5-10% back from the proceeds.

Farm bureau went to fair board tried to give away ice cream...the idea is for us to go the Farm Bureau to sponsor our ice cream. If we go with prepacked we would not be under as many rules with the health inspector.

Leadership & Development: Nothing to present

Camp 2016: Erik stated the only thing they have that is different is that the camp ground has a professional staff to cover our volunteers in case of a liability. Tammy did get another price quote. Three days and two nights. Their cook, food and their lifeguard. They have boy's dorms and girls dorms. Erik said the camp Tammy looked into did not have most of the facility options that CranHill offered.

Tammy mentioned the following: They have paintball, zip line, water slides, ponds, we would not have to clean before or after. They would do that. \$60.00

Erik presented @\$51.00 per kid last meeting...per night and per activity \$17.00 per night. Breakfast is 6, lunch 7 and supper is 8.00. Facility is rustic. Sides roll up. A- Frames up on a hill. Two full shower baths. There are 13 cabins. For a 4 night 5 day. \$152.00 for campers for lodging and meals. \$183.00 for counselors coming in on a Sunday (one extra day and night). The Cran Hill camp is reserved for the 2nd week of August. Shooting sports, canoeing and horse backing riding and climbing wall that is not included.

Is someone going to write a letter to sign off with School Section Lake. As far as a letter is concerned.. Tammy, Erik and Ramona will get together.

Mecosta County 4-H Camp Staff killed off at least 30 mice in three days. Dumpster was full. They would not come and empty dumpster. No toilet paper, paper towels, no garbage bags.

Julia is looking into parliamentary rules since we already voted on the deposit for camp.

Ramona found a photo of the kids that auction baked goods during fair week. Rashel Rolston, Alisha Weeks, Hannah Underhill, Tabitha Underhill, Jimmy, Frankie, Anna Sylvester.

Old Business:

Cookbook Business: No one is present.

Christmas/Holiday Parade is November 21st. We are doing a 4-H parade. We have to be lit up. Who is in charge of this float... 4-H promotional committee: Erik Little Tessa McNally 2316223780. She is in charge of the parade. We need to call her for fee and information. We will try to have nativity scene.

New Business:

Match Day is at Holiday Inn 11:00-6:00 Tuesday, November 10^{th-25} year theme silver and black. Wear polos. Last year we had a slide show. Mona will work on silver and black decorations. Mona will set up for the 10th. We need volunteers.

4-H enrollment deadline December 31st, 2015

MONA CONTACT BETTY SEALY ABOUT WHAT WHEN WHERE AND WWHY FOR CAKE IF THEY ARE HAVING A CAKE AUCTION-WHEN UNITED WAY KICK OFF STARTS?

Darcie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Julia 2nds. Motion passes. Meeting adjourns 8:17PM

Council minutes submitted by Ramona Okkema.

****amended January 15th, 2016

Next meeting: December 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the MCSB