

Mecosta County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes for September 1st, 2015
Mecosta County Service Building

Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Tammy. Pledges were said.

Executive Members Present: President: Tammy Belka, Vice- President: Darcie Marek,
Secretary: Ramona Okkema, Treasurer: Trudy Herzog

Members at Large Present: Myra VanSyckle, Erik Little,

Youth Members Present: Julia Doughty, Becca Herzog, Calvin McKay

Members Absent: Mike Deater, Tiffany Spedowski, Brian Marquardt, Janet Snider, Stefani Larson

Tarin Minkel: Present

Voted in Junior Members to the council

Public/Guests:

Review & Approval of Agenda:

Motion Julia D. makes a motion to approve Addition to agenda. Darcy 2nds.

Public Comment:

Reports:

Secretary's Report- Evelyn was off to college, but had complete notes and turned them in before following meeting. Becca approves secretary notes. Julia's 2nds. Motions passes.

Treasurer's Report- Trudy Herzog made mention we need to clarify where the 3 -2015 senior scholarship money is to come from. Laureen made a motion to amending the budget and moving 750.00 from Kettunen scholarships to senior scholarships. Myra 2nds. Motion carries. Treasurer's reports were passed around.

***During the October 6th meeting it was mentioned that these minutes needed to be amended to mention that Pat Marek was no longer Mecosta County 4-H Council President. He has stepped down and Tammy Belka is now President. This is especially important so we may get the paperwork in order with bank for check signatures and other paper work that is necessary with bonding, etc.

Extension Report-Tarin Minkel

The counselors did a great job. Erik Little was the guy in charge! It was a learning year for everyone. 31 paid 30 campers showed up. There were several campers from other counties. Camp may be at CranHill

next year. Hoping to build on this year's camp for better week and ideas and setting for next year's camp. Tarin had mentioned that dumpster was overflowing. Dialogue between camp reps. And Tarin was not very successful. Mice poop everywhere. Timing of the lake having to be sprayed on Tuesday was not handled very well by the camp grounds. School Section lake Did not give 4-H notice to prepare properly for Plan B. Provision for: Toilet paper, soap, paper towels, trash bags was not honored by the camp grounds. This camp situation was just a bad deal all around to call it a good experience between Mecosta county 4-H and School Section Lake this year.

Fort Faith was contacted by Tammy. Fort Faith is located in Morley. There are lots of positive words about this address. They are considering the idea of letting Mecosta County 4-H Camp use their grounds for a fee. More to follow. Trudy still has to go over some camp expenses with Tarin and compare expenses from in the past? Overall costs were around \$4,000.00.

Tarin will be gone approximately 8 weeks for Maternity Leave. This will start around October 8th. District Coordinator would like someone to be in the office a couple days a week while Tarin is gone during that time.

Awards Committee: Decided: Two cakes, punch, lemonade, coffee, water. Decorations will be fall themed. Pumpkins, Date: is the 25th of October. This date has been confirmed with Tiffany at Morley Stanwood High School and to begin @ 2pm.

It was suggested to invite: Fair Board members, County Board of Commission members, local politicians. We do not have invites made up as of now. It was also suggested we have a 5th person read the program **BEFORE** printing to make sure all names that should be listed are listed in each category. Too many names were missing last year. It was agreed upon to have a silent auction.

Tammy Asked Laureen to make a quilt. (Really did not wait for her to answer) Laureen gracefully, as always has said yes to make a quilt to be used as a fundraiser item for the council during awards night.

It was suggested that, where possible, website, Facebook Page, it needs to be mentioned that Tiffany need photos for the awards banquet power-point she is making. People can tag her @ (her name) on FB or give her a disc with the photos. Please also have the post to mention to nominate members and to put a notice of the event on 4-H parade.

Finance & Budget: Trudy says we need to set a meeting time.

Promotional Stuff: Tarin is asking for 100 dollars for promotional stuff. Erik mentioned trunk or treat. Big Parade by library. Children's parade on October 23rd; Friday. 5-7pm Darcie made a motion to give 600.00 to promotional committee and Myra 2nds. Motion passes.

Fundraising Committee:

Suggestion was made that animals could be raised, council would pay feed, animal would be processed and raffle tickets would be sold off. Tarin will look into MSU's policy on non-profit raffle. Discussion followed.

Myra spoke about coming up with a design for the shirts and making a design contest. Ramona makes a motion that the winner of the design contest is to receive a 25.00 certificate towards something with their design on it. Myra VanSyckle 2nd. Motion passes. Platt books all good. Arena Signs: Nothing new. Dairy Booth Committee-Next fair board is third Thursday in October 13th 7pm to discuss dairy booth. Tarin said that is also the annual meeting. Pay your association member \$5.00.

Leadership and Development (includes My Last Boot print): Tarin Brought the boot with list of 2015 19 year old 4-Hers.

Camp 2016:

Auction Committee: Chair:

Cook books. Tammy has passed along what she had to Lauren.

New Business:

Halloween Event Tarin mentioned Y-102 Boo Bags with a price tags \$395.00 includes promotional items and ads and commercials.

Christmas/Holiday Parade: Teen club-Books still wrapped from about 5 years ago. It was mentioned that it cost about 50.00 to enter a float. Discussion followed. Neon necklaces...for teens, getting our 4-H face out there. This of the biggest parades in BR.

The Registration: September 16th.

United Way: Kicked off is the 25th of September.

Clickers: Tarin asked Lauren about clickers. Trudy would like to spend her award money to buy clickers.

Lauren used the irepsond system clicker system. Discussion followed.

Time to Vote in a the Youth Executive Board of the Mecosta 4-H Council

They fulfil the roll in the situation that the executive board is not able to attend.

Julia nominated Rebecca Herzog. By Default Rebecca Herzog has the position.

Calvin nominated himself for vice president. Rebecca nominated Julia and Zane

By paper vote Calvin won Vice President Position.

Rebecca Nominated both Julia and Zane Carey for Treasurer.

By paper vote Zane Carey won Treasurer Position.

Rebecca nominated Julia for Secretary.

Mary Katke is resigning her positioning from the 4-H council. A letter was turned in.

Darcie makes motion to adjourn the meeting. Julia 2nds. Meeting adjourns.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at 6:30pm at the MCSB Respectfully, Ramona Okkema

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS MADE PER REQUEST of the COUNCIL:

Pat Marek's name needs to be taken off the Mecosta County 4-H Council Checks at the bank and replaced with the new Council President's name: Tammy Belka.

Submitted by Council Secretary, Ramona Okkema