Mecosta County 4-H Council
December 4, 2012   Minutes

Present:  Evelyn Okkema, Ken Smith, Mike Jack, Kerri Merrill, Karen Greenbay, Tammy Belka, Kathleen Smith, Jamie Weeks, Marie Goltz, Darcie Marek, Pat Marek

Excused: Ashley Marek, Alicia Marek, Teylse Belka, Effie Jack, Trudy Herzog, Erik Little

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Review and Approval of agenda: Motion to accept made by Tammy and seconded by Jamie. Motion carried.

Public Present:  Youth Member Rose Goltz and Leader Tiffany Spedowski

Reports:

Secretary Report: Reviewed by members. Motion to accept Secretaries Report made by Karen and seconded by Marie. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report: As Read and available

4-H Report Melissa: * All clubs/leaders did very well – a few minor bumps but they were easily corrected.
* Clubs have until the end of the week to turn in paperwork and participation fees for the clubs.
* Annual review was completed a week ago. Mostly positive, some corrections needed but overall a well balanced program.
* Horse Roping Program is under review. Meeting scheduled for December 19th at 7 PM.
* Volunteers are needed for the Blue Ribbon Fair Management Program.
* Beginning weigh in went well.

Committee Reports:

Awards: No Report

Finance/Budget: Meeting date and time to be set

Promotion Committee: Unable to do the parade due to lack of lighting on the float and lack of float.

Fundraising Committee: 108 wreaths were received, Paid for 100. Sold for $20 as previously voted on in the August meeting. 16 wreaths are
left. Remaining wreaths will continue to be sold for the price 2/$30. Fundraisers that went well this year were the Pie in the face, Silent Auction. Cookbook is still in the process of being typed. Still in need of recipes

Dairy Booth Committee: Meeting to be set in January

Youth Council Members: No Report

**Business:**

- 2013 19 year old project guidelines - Ken motioned to accept as presented. Seconded by Tammy. Motion Carried. 19 year old youth members include - Alexander Mishler, Alicia Marek, Dirk Okkema, Eliese Bittner and Nicki Simcoe.
- 2013 Registration issues - One older youth did not make registration deadline. Youth has been in 4-H for a couple of years. Kerri motioned to allow the registration with the stipulation that participation is allowed without the ability to compete in the shows. Seconded by Ken. Motion Carried.
- Teen Leader and community Change workshop - Darci motioned to have council pay full scholarships to those youth members serving on council and the youth members serving as officers on the Junior Livestock Committee. Seconded by Kerri. Motion Carried.
- 2012/2013 4-H Enrollment – 436 enrolled in clubs last year. This year 414 enrolled.
- 2012 ES237 Report - Breakdown for 2012:
  - 416 enrolled in special short programming
  - 850 involved in school programming
  - 152 involved in camp programming
  - 52 involved with individual programming.
  - Total of 1550
  - Animal Sciences is the largest area and Citizenship/leadership second largest
- Review Fundraising policy and council fundraising
  - All fundraising whether club, council, or committees must be approved by the office.
  - A fundraising form must be turned in 2 weeks prior to the event
  - 10 days after the event an additional report must be completed.
- January 28th Financial Literacy training will be available. Not mandatory but highly recommended.
- 100th Anniversary projects –
  - Youth Council Members will be working on a display for Fair.
  - Need some volunteers to redo the photo albums
Fairbook is going to be dedicated to the 4-H “Birthday”
Still looking for oldest living members
Consider setting an “over all” theme to cover the fair as a whole

- **Other Events/activities**
  - Winter Break Activities to consider:
    - Roller Skating
    - Sledding Party
    - Splash Party at local Pool
    - Ice Skating
  - Cloverbud Only event – Cupcake decorating and Valentine’s day Event
  - Super Science Fun Day in January or February
  - Come up with Ideas for a community Wide 4-H “Fun” event

- **Insurance for High Risk project areas**
  - Includes Horses and Shooting Sports
  - Club can pay for members or collect the $2 per person
  - All monies and insurance form is due to the council ASAP as the Council will be turning in all at one time.

- **Upcoming meetings for Leaders and Members**
  - Final Fall Leader Update 12/17
  - Financial Literacy Meeting 1/28
  - New Leader Orientation 12/12

- **Club and Leader Status/charter**
  - Letters and forms sent out over 1 month ago
  - Still missing many of the forms

- **Livestock question** – Can there be a sponsored “Wall of Fame” for Sweepstakes winners in the livestock arena? Deferred to the Junior Livestock Trophy and Awards Committee

- **January Council Meeting** – Jamie motioned to change the January Council Meeting to January 8th. Seconded by Marie. Motion Carried.

- **Resignation.** Ken motioned to accept Effie Jacks resignation from council with regret. Seconded by Marie. Motion Carried. A Thank You Letter to be sent for services with the council

- **Thank You Card to be sent to Black Sheep Farms for their Support**

Evelyn Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Seconded by Mike. Motion Carried. Next meeting to be held at the Extension office on January 8th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Smith