

**Mecosta County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes for September 4th, 2012
Mecosta County Service Building**

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm by President Pat Marek. Pledges led by council youth.

Members Present: Mike Jack, Darcie Marek, Jamie Weeks, Tammy Belka, Telyse Belka, Karen Greenbay, Mike Deater, Laureen Deater, Trudy Herzog, Kenny Smith, Kathleen Smith, Ashley Marek, Caitlin Marek,

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Alicia Weeks

Melissa Bowman- Present

Public/Guests: Erik Little and Alicia Marek. Marie Goltz arrived at a later time.

Review & Approval of Agenda- Approved

Public Comment: - Both Erik and Alicia would like to become members of the 4-H council.

Kenny makes a motion to accept Erik Little and Alicia Marek as council members. 2nd by Kathleen Smith. Motion passes. Welcome aboard Alicia and Erik.

Reports:

Secretary's Report- Ramona Okkema

No changes noted. Report accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report- Karen Greenbay

Karen passed out treasurer's report and noted that the heading should say August and NOT June.

Checkbook balance is \$6,264.24. Savings balance is \$6,026. 57. Discussion followed.

Kathleen makes a motion to accept Marie Goltz as a council member for a one year term. Karen Greenbay 2nds. Motion passes. Welcome aboard Marie.

4-H Report- Melissa Bowman

4-H Activities Melissa states that there is a lot to cover this evening. She passed out Michigan 4-H Volunteer Forum application. To be held November 10 at MSU. Lots of different workshops to choose from.

There is also a harvest dinner and family square dance on Sunday, October 7th at 5:30pm at Kettunen Center. A form including 4-H Volunteer Training Workshops was passed out. Kathleen Smith will be attending the 4-H Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop event.

4-H Upcoming events- September 29th or Wednesday October 3rd are the dates for Leader update training. All volunteers must attend one or the other to keep their volunteer status valid.

???Access Training-date and time. When leaders come in next Thursday they will train how to log in, enroll their members, emails for their clubs, how to get enrollment materials for their clubs and other procedures. Paper registrations will be collected and the \$10.00 fee before December 1st and the information will be turned into the office. Leaders will only be responsible for the enrollment fee and paperwork of members that consider the Leader's club as the primary club. Leaders need to be aware at they must have medical records for all members listed in their paperwork...even though there are some members that may NOT list that leader's club as their primary club.

Fundraising Requests- None at this time.

Committee Reports:

Awards Committee-

The 2012 Mecosta County Awards Banquet is to be held on October 6th and from 5-8pm. It is planned to be held at Morley-Stanwood High School. Jamie, on behalf of the Awards Committee, is asking the council to approve the purchase and monetary backing of project pins and project medals. The committee came up with the idea to have both a Junior Division (9-13 years old) and Senior Division (14-19 years old). Also, the same person could win the project award twice; first time project winners will receive a pin and 2nd time a medal. The 2nd thing that they are requesting is pennants to hold their 4-H pins. The committee is projecting \$2.00 cost per item. They would like to involve the teen club in the making of the pennants. First time project winners would win a pin and the 2nd time around; a medal. Effie makes a motion to accept whatever Jamie said. 2nd by Tammy. Kathleen mentioned having it start next year. Melissa asked why it could not start this year. Effie amends that we start it this year. Erik 2nds. Motion carries.

The theme for awards banquet is birthday party games for the entertainment portion of the banquet. Thank you Jamie.

Finance & Budget Committee- They met and will discuss later on in the agenda.

Promotion Committee- Has not met

Fundraising Committee- Kathleen spoke. Got some ideas for the recipe book- Kathleen passed around some examples to the committee. With an order size of 250-300 cookbooks, at a cost of \$4.00 each, we would need to put 50% down or approximately \$400.00 down before production. We can sell them for \$10.00each. The production process takes 35-40 days. They send out a hard copy beforehand. Kathleen is requesting approval for 50% or up to \$400.00 to

pay the half down requirement. Erik makes a motion for the council to release funds for the cookbook production. 2nd by Jamie Weeks. Motion carries.

Another fundraiser Silent auction donation at awards banquet. It can be a basket, bag, It is from the club. Not individual. This would raise money for scholarships. Gift certificate from Marie's Embroidery. This would help with advertising of the business. We would have to send out Emails ASAP notifying.

Darcie makes a motion to take \$50.00 from the banquet funds to go towards a *Marie's Embroidery* gift certificate that will be awarded to the club whose silent auction donation "item" raises the most money. 2nd by Tammy. Motion carries. Kathleen presented 4-H water bottles being sold at a 72% reduction in price as another fund raiser option. She purchased 120 of them,

Darcie makes a motion to do the water bottle fundraiser at a later date and with a price to be determined at a later date. 2nd by Mike Deater. Motion Carries. Kathleen would like to donate the cost of the water bottles. Thank you Tim and Kathleen Smith

Dairy Booth Committee- Effie mentioned that the 10% was off the profit; Melissa would like to attend the next fair board meeting with check in hand and mention to the fair board that they are getting more than the end profit from the Dairy Booth. Effie based the \$350.00 profit from the sales minus the costs. Much discussion followed.

Youth Council Members- nothing to report at this time.

Business: Council Membership-

This is the last official meeting for Mike and Laureen Deater and Ramona Okkema. The Youth attending their last official meeting of their term are: Ashley and Caitlin Marek, Susie and Kenny Smith and Alicia Weeks. Kenny would like to stay on as a youth council member. Ashley Marek would like to stay another year.

Ramona makes a motion to extend the membership for Kenny Smith and Ashley Marek. Telyse Belka 2nds.

Melissa advised the council to extend the membership of Karen Greenbay at least one more year. Kathleen makes a motion to extend that membership. Laureen Deater 2nds. Motion carries.

Council Board Elections (Vice President and Secretary)-

Mike Jack is voted in as Vice-President. None opposed with this. Trudy Herzog is voted in as the new Secretary. None opposed this as well. Welcome aboard Jack and Trudy.

2013 Committees and Assignments-

Awards Committee-Kathleen Smith, Kenny Smith, Erik Little, Trudy Herzog and Tammy Belka

Finance- Mike Jack, Darcie Marek, Pat Marek, Karen GreenBay and Jamie Weeks. Karen Greenbay is chair.

Promotion- Youth-Kenny Smith –He is also the Promotion Committee chair.

Fundraising- Erik Little, Tammy Belka, Kathleen Smith, Effie Jack, Darcie Marek, Telyse Belka and Marie Goltz. Kathleen Smith is chair.

Dairy Booth- Mike Jack, Karen GreenBay, Jamie Weeks, Kathleen Smith, Pat Marek and Darcie Marek. Jamie Weeks will chair this committee.

2013 4-H Council Budget- Karen went over the Tentative Budget 2012-2013 Template. Explained changes in various line categories item. Discussion followed.

Erik makes a motion to accept the budget as presented. 2nd by Mike Jack. Motion Carries.

2012 4-H Banquet- Discussion followed.

19 Year Old Project- The council needs to review the 19 year old requirements. Melissa will send out an email in the morning for the council to review and take notes and be ready to discuss at the October meeting.

Plat Books- Melissa is notifying the council that someone needs to chair the Plat Book fundraiser. Melissa does not have the time to do this anymore. She is giving it back to the council as it was the council's responsibility in the first place. We are about one year away from starting this Platt Book fund raiser again.

Mike Jack was appointed by the council PRESIDENT to chair the Platt Book fund raiser.

Arena Signs- Tim Smith is willing to do the Arena Signs one more year. Someone is needed to come on board and learn how do this task. Both Trudy and Marie offered to help.

Wreath Fund Raiser- Now there is a 2 month blackout dates. Kenny made a motion to table the wreath fundraiser till next year. Telyse 2nds. Hand vote is 9. Hand Vote is 10 opposed.

Effie makes a motion to sell the wreathes November 16th till whenever. 2nd by Laureen Deater. Motion Carries.

Match Day- Tuesday November 13th, 2012 at the Holiday Inn. Discussion followed. On the day of the event each organization that received a donation via the Match Day event will receive the funds raised. Those wanting to donate to the Mecosta county 4-H program need to make the checks out to the Mecosta County 4-H Council. Cash, check or credit cards are allowed.

United Way Grant (Black Out Dates/Kick Off Breakfast)- No clubs or committees or JLS, between September 15th to November 15th are allowed to do any fundraising what so ever. The United Way kick off breakfast will be held in Big Rapids on September 28th. 7:30 to 8:30 am. This is a Friday morning. Melissa is looking for volunteers for this.

Ashley makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and 2nds by Kathleen. . Meeting adjourns 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting is October 2, 2012 at the Mecosta County Services Building 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Okkema