President Mary Aymen called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. Meeting was held at the Huron Area Tech Center before the Leader Appreciation Dinner.

Present: Mary Aymen, Addy Battel, Sue Stuever Battel, Tami Daskam, Kelly Hunsanger, Vivian Thuemmel, 4-H Program Coordinator Patti Errer and 4-H Support Staff Kari VerEllen.

Secretary’s Report: Vivian moved to approve minutes of the March 14 meeting. Second by Tami. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Bills were presented for expenses for the Leader Appreciation Dinner: $137 Errer’s Greenhouse for plants and $7.42 reimbursement to Mary Aymen for decorations and banquet supplies. Vivian moved to pay the bills as read. Second by Tami. Passed. Mary Aymen has been added to the bank account.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Sue moved to contribute $100 to help sponsor the State 4-H Awards Recognition Program at Exploration Days. Second by Vivian. Passed.

Tami reported on discussion from the Ambassador Committee meeting April 10. The committee decided to continue transitioning the program to a leadership focus. Ambassadors will receive a polo shirt and medallion at the ceremony. The committee discussed sending Ambassadors to some sort of leadership training, then have them lead a leadership event to pay it forward with younger youth. Language about attire was clarified. Council agreed to set July 10 as the Ambassador interview date.

Mary appointed or reappointed committees. The scholarship committee (for both educational event stipends and college scholarships) is Clema, Kelly, Vivian, Tami, and Patti as ex-officio. Chair to be announced. Budget committee is Kelly, Mary, Sue, and Patti and Kari as ex-officio, with Mary as chair. The committee will meet in May. Constitution committee will be discussed at the next meeting. Ambassador committee is Mary, Kelly, Sue, Tami, Patti as ex-officio, with Kelly as chair.

Kari has gathered the 4-H college scholarship applications. There are nine applicants. Clema, Kelly and Vivian will meet to decide winners.

Patti suggested a fundraiser, placing a pop bottle receptacle at the fairgrounds in the camper parking lot. She will check with the fair board.

It was decided that Festival of Trees entries should be in by Friday afternoon before the fair. A value sheet with the starting bid will be placed by each tree. Bidding will end Friday afternoon at 5 p.m., with winning bidders asked to pick up and pay by Saturday 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19, is 4-H and FFA Building cleanup date.

To streamline project pickup at the end of the fair Saturday night, Council members discussed placing ribbons on projects with the exception of foods.

Council went through final details of the evening’s Leader Appreciation Dinner agenda to be held.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 4 p.m. at the MSU Extension office.

Sue moved to adjourn. Second by Vivian. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stuever Battel, Secretary