

Minutes of the Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association Council

September 14, 2017



President Mary Aymen called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Mary Aymen, Tami Daskam, Kelly Hunsanger, Clema Przemyski, Sue Stuever Battel, 4-H Program Coordinator Patricia Errer, 4-H Support Staff Kari VerEllen, Jeff Gillig and Christina Martens

Jeff Gillig and Christina Martens were welcomed to the council as potential new members.

Secretary's Report: Tami moved to approve the secretary's minutes of the July 10 meeting as written. Second by Clema. Passed. A number of thank yous from scholarship recipients were shared.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly reported an ending balance of \$14,769.91. In August, \$2,257.48 was spent for college scholarships, fair, and 2016-17 Ambassador stipends. Sue moved to pay bills to reimburse Patricia Errer/MSUE \$45 for the teen leadership workshop for Senior Ambassadors, to pay for 25 more plat books for \$575, and for \$53.65 for dog trophies to be reimbursed by sponsors. Second by Clema. Motion passed. Kari recently deposited just over \$1,000 in plat book sales.

Many county plat maps are now online. Discussion was held about if Huron adopts digital plat maps in the future as this would greatly affect the 4-H Council income.

Old Business: Members reviewed 4-H Council activities held during the 2017 Huron Community Fair. Festival of Trees just about broke even. It was decided not to do this specific fundraiser next year, as it is also difficult to arrange during fair week, but we may consider doing a wreath fundraiser instead with a similar setup.

Release of still projects on Saturday evening of the fair was discussed. It was decided that closing the building early helped for a smoother process than past years, but 15 minutes would be enough time to close early rather than the 30 minutes.

Members discussed the Ambassador ceremony/4-H Club Explosion from Monday evening of the fair. It was agreed the new arena made for a nicer event with more attendance. We liked the stage, though wouldn't have needed it to be as large.

Still project judging was discussed. A suggestion was made to move the live plants to an area with more sunlight and to ask the special education judge to award blue ribbons.

Returnable bottles collected near the camping area netted \$163.60. Sales of bottled water and popsicles was \$86.25. A club volunteered to put out recycling and returnable receptacles at the end of each barn as a service project next year.

New Business: Patti reported that Fraser Presbyterian Church contacted her about inviting youth to a possible event to honor 4-H members for the work they do. It was decided that 4-H could share information about the event through its usual channels for anyone who wanted to attend, and that a speaker or demonstration may make it appealing to youth.

Patti shared a calendar of 4-H activities. It is a working document, so please inform her of any additions or changes.

Mary appointed a Constitution Committee consisting of Jeff, Kari, Kelly and Mary. It was mentioned that perhaps Darren, a 4-H program coordinator from Genesee County may be willing to lead a session with us to take a step back and look at goals as we revise the constitution and bylaws. Patti will contact him.

The process for awarding 4-H college scholarships for high school seniors was discussed. It was decided to keep the application, criteria and letters of recommendation, and to continue to grant the checks before they begin the college freshman year.

Information about how the St. Clair County 4-H Council awards scholarships to 4-H events was shared. Members may review this before the next meeting. Topic was tabled.

Discussion of whether to hold a Projects Galore event in March or monthly 4-H project activities was made. Monthly activities or activities as opportunities are available was chosen. Clema will begin by offering a fleece tied blanket activity.

4-H Fall Family Social is coming in November at the Pasta House, with the location and date confirmed. Jeff, Kelly and Clema volunteered to evaluate the county medal, best report, and special awards applications. More than 60 items were sold at last year's silent auction, making about \$800. Members are encouraged to begin soliciting auction donations.

Other business: The fair board has new fair shirts available. The fair board is considering a move to a wristband system rather than fair passes. Next year is the 150th fair. Patti suggested 4-H hold a hoedown Sunday evening as an alumni celebration event and fundraiser.

The next meeting will be October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Clema moved to adjourn, second by Jeff. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stuever Battel
Secretary