Montcalm County 4-H Council Meeting
November 7, 2017

Present: Brad Heft, Michelle Nitengale, Kelly Dines, Hailey Heft, Chloe Arnold, Kadren Grawberg

Call to Order: 6:39 p.m.

Pledges Led by: Hailey Heft

Welcome and Discussion on whether we have quorum. It was decided we had 4 voting members and therefore quorum.

Secretary’s Report:
No minutes were submitted.

Treasurer’s Report:
Hailey Heft moves to put the report on file. Kelly Dines supports. Motion carried.

MSU Extension Report:
Livestock committee elections are next meeting. Fairbook changes were due and is being worked on. The fairboard is looking for a group to take on parking for the entire fair week.

Expansion and Review needs to happen twice a year. Discussion about what had been done. Meeting on 12/5 at 5:30 p.m. to cover one of the two times.

Winter Workshop at Kettunen Center fills up quick, so if members are interested in going they need to get registered quickly.

Potential biosecurity workshop in February or March.

Kadren is going to the Michigan Association of Fairs & Expositions this winter.

Old Business:

Still Exhibit & Food Auction:
Discussion on adding still exhibits to the food auction.

Concession Stand:
The Lions Club has given the council their percentage and it is part of the treasurer’s report.

Awards Banquet:
Discussion about what still needs to be done. Setup at 1 p.m. Brad Heft will be there. Games at 3 p.m. by the North. Lunch at 4 p.m. Kim Thomsen will be MC with Hailey Heft and Anne Thompson’s help.

Millage:
Commissioners voted to put the millage on the August 2018 ballot. There will be a 4-H, 911 and Commission on Aging proposals. The group will need media permission from parents for the pictures for the Facebook page.
Nominations:
Since there were only 5 teens nominated and 2 adults nominated, there is not a need to send out a ballot. There was discussion about who to recruit.

New Business:
Scholarships:
Debra and Charity Gommesen wish to attend the Creative Arts Celebration at Kettunen Center and are asking for scholarships each for $75.00. Both qualify. Michelle Nitengale makes a motion to pay the $150 for them to attend the conference. Kelly Dines supports. Motion carried.

Pancake Breakfast:
Discussion on pancake breakfast and moving it till April to avoid interference with other fundraisers. Discussion also about food quantities, catering, etc.

United Way Funding:
There may be an issue with getting a United Way Grant. MSU may require this all to go through them in the future. Michelle Nitengale is going to look into this more.

Michelle Nitengale makes a motion to adjourn. Hailey Heft supports. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: December 5, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office with Expansion and Review meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Nitengale