Montcalm Country 4-H Council Meeting

February 7, 2017

Present: Michelle Nitengale, Melanie Rodenhouse, Brad Heft, Hailey Heft, Erica Behrenwald, Anne Thompson, Cindy Karafa, Tim Keith, Kadren Grawburg, Kim Thomsen, Rita Hochemeyer, Kelly Dines, Jacobe Anderson, Heather Anderson, Kimberlyan McIntyre, Keaton McIntyre

Call to Order: 6:10 P.M.

Pledges Led by: Keaton McIntyre

Introductions of all present

Secretary’s Report: Heather Anderson moves to approve, Ann Thompson supports. Motion carried

Treasure’s Report: Hailey Heft moves to approve, Tim Keith supports. Motion carried

MSU Extension Report: Leaders meeting Feb 28, 2017 @ 6:30 at Ash Building to go over MSU’s new policies.

Fair Board Report: Fairground cleanup days April 1st and April 22nd 11-3, each person must do two hours of service at the fairgrounds in order to show at fair.

Old Business:

Parade Float Update:

Kelly talked to guy at the Topper Shop and instead of doing painted on items doing banners with picture of all project areas. Want pictures of kids doing different project areas.

Poultry Issues:

Kadren talked to president of fair board, they are going to send out a letter with an apology and ask for input on how to improve the poultry show in the future.

Now wants to have Jr. Superintendents in all project areas

United Way Grant:

Tim, Ann, Nolan, Michelle, and Kadren all attended, it went well.

Millage:

Don Smucker came to share concerns, they want to start off with an executive committee, and they do not want the newspaper to be involved. We need to be careful about how we are going about doing this. Wants to try to work with the Country Commissioners to try to help get the millage passed.

Much conversation

Pancake Breakfast:

Mark Petersen is going be the Auctioneer, and all leaders got emails with information. All donations are going to Michelle’s house, and food licenses is going to be taken care off. The hours at the Pancake
Breakfast will count as cleaning up the fair board. They have to be working, John Heaton is going to be in charge of all food. Going to start cooking at 8:30 a.m., and he will need help in the kitchen. Kelly is going to call Daily News to put a flyer in the newspaper.

**New Business**

**Scholarships:**

Logan Dusendang, from Animals Junction 4-H club, wants to attend Challenge U 4-H Funfest. It is March 11th- March 12th at Kettunen center, cost is $70. Kelly Dines moves to approve, and Rita Hockemeyer supports.

Petra Mark from, Winfield Hustlers wants to attend Challenge U 4-H Funfest. It is March 11th- March 12th at Kettunen center, cost is $70. Kelly Dines moves to approve and pay the full cost of $70.00, and Rita Hockemeyer supports.

Kadren Grawburg wants to go to a Cody Wyoming Show Works Conference in April with a cost of $1,600 using the Live Local check of $513.00 that was donated to MSU extension office and then a $250.00 donation from fair board she needs $837.00. Kelly Dines moves to approve a donation of $500.00 Tim Keith supports. Vote 12 yaes 1 nae Motion carried.

**Mother’s Day Tea:**

Fundraiser for the Alpha Family Center, and the Animal Junction 4-H club, they are asking that members of 4-H council attend to make a good show. Catherine Berendt WZZM13 will be attending. It will be Sunday May 7,2017 at the Ash Building @ 2:00 p.m.

**Spring Camp:**

A parent has to be in attendance with the children, all ages Saturday April 29th it’s an overnight camp @ the camp in Greenville, they are having a Native American guest speaker, Blandford nature center will attend as well. They are charging $15 per person to cover the cost of the t-shirts; they are asking for financial help with the camp. Animal Junction has paid to rent the camp for a fee of $100, they are asking for $400 to help pay for Blandford nature center, snacks, and safety whistles. Kelly has made a motion to pay the $175 dollars for the Blanchard center Michelle supports. Motion Carried.

Concerns regarding the book keeping, but things will be better this year.

Meeting Adjourned: Kennedy makes motion to adjourn meeting, Hailey supports.

Next Meeting March 7th,2017 @ 6:30 at the Ash Building.