Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 20 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Linda Peterson at 6:07 p.m.

Members present: Mindy Brennan, Penny Chinevere, Tom Gittus, Linda Peterson, Kelly Dines, Melissa Eldridge, Nancy Story, Paula Plank, Kadren Grawburg, Chandra Bunker, Brenda Duray, Allen and Linda Jenks, Jeanne Steinberg

Pledges were recited

Treasurer’s Report: Jeanne Steinberg       Main acct:  $1,315.41     2nd acct:  $577.03

Extension report: Kadren Grawburg

- Kadren’s office hours are Tues. and Thurs. 9-4 with 12-1 lunch
- Extension web site is being worked on to make things easier to find and more accessible.
- Financial and show works meeting is Tues. Feb 28 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Camping reservations are open March 1st. $150 for electric sites and $90 for rustic
- Superintendent positions must be applied for with background checks
  - 4-H members can apply to be junior superintendents to gain experience
  - Folders with info on what’s to be expected from superintendents to come
- PQA classes are March 29 and April 5 @ 10 a.m. at Mecosta extension office
- 4-H Swine project boot camp is Sunday March 19 2017 @ 9 a.m. – 4 p.m

New business:

- Letters going out for 4-Hers that did not get their trophies or rosettes from last year
- Letters going out to get 4-H members thoughts on how to make the poultry show better. 4-H member can write a letter to fair board to have opinions of changes considered.
- Boots and Dreams club is having an online silent auction Saturday Feb 25th thru March 5th. 18% of proceeds will be donated to small animal committee!
- Prior to fair each 4-H member should have 2 hours of volunteer work. Fair clean up is April 1st and 22nd 11 a.m – 3 p.m.
- There is a large rabbit show in Ionia the weekend of April 22nd.

Old Business:

- No change for goat washing station (which is also for small animals and dairy) so far. Location and layout needed for drainage from the fair board
- Rabbit show is April 8 2017
  - Fliers were handed out at MSU State rabbit show and will be handed out at various other rabbit shows
  - Judges are Don H. and possibly Willis Plank (for cage dealer also)
  - Help needed manning the kitchen, silent auction, registration, and help setting up Friday Aug. 7 @ 4 p.m
  - Each club is to donate an item(s) to silent auction
  - Jeanne will leave all treasury items with Linda Peterson as she will not be at the rabbit show
- No date set yet for the yard sale and showmanship clinics, which will be held outdoors.

Next meeting is March 20 2017 @ 6 m.

Linda Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paula Plank 2nd this motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.