

## Leaders Council 1-14-2019

**Attendance:** Mallory Mielke, Joannie Willford, Audrey Greer, Kelli Muma, Katie Breault, Erika Breault, Gwen Tweed, Kristie Simrau, Melissa Preston

### Call to Order by President Katie Breault at 6:30pm

#### Reports

- Minutes of the last meeting motioned to accept as is by Joannie Willford seconded by Erica Breault. Minutes from last meeting were approved as is and filed.
- Treasurer's Report-Read By Joannie
  - Regular Share 1592.80
  - Checking- 13942.88
  - Small Animal- 4514.47
  - Horse 0.08
  - Scholarship- 6,223.02
  - Livestock-8,115.47
- Outstanding Bills- Scholarship paid out for last year's recipient
- Correspondence- No Correspondence

Joannie Willford is requesting to order new checks for the leader's council as the check book is nearly out. Gwen Tweed motioned to allow Joannie to order more checks. Erika Breault seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joannie Willford will order new checks as soon as she can get to the bank.

#### MSU Extension Staff Report

- Horse association is completing a new pre sign up for youth interested in state horse show look for that link sometime in January. This will allow a more transparent application process & selection processes.
- Melissa is working with SPARKS on embryology and STEM in Beaverton and Gladwin high school. Hopes it will draw in new members to the program as well as create a partnership within the schools
- Spring achievement was approved to be at the Farm show. As soon as all the forms are in we will need judges for the program as well as volunteers to help.

#### Fair Board Report:

- New horse contact and arena use was presented to leader's council. The cost for use has increased with 50 dollars for practice and no paid lessons. It was suggested we take our concerns over cost to the fair board so we clearly understand the costs and how these costs were set. It was suggested we look at alternative arena to use for the time being as contracts not cost are the biggest concerns. Melissa informed us that contracts no matter for what cannot be signed at the county level only at the state level. This is a lengthy process that can take some time as language always needs to be changed. More will be known after a conversation with the fair board

## **Old Business:**

- Passing of a 4-H family & Supporter. Recently we have had several losses in the community. Melissa has asked if we plan on doing something in memory of these individuals to please reach out to her first as this is a situation that needs assessment case by case.

## **New Business:**

- Officer elections for leader's council where done
  - Katie Breault ran for re-election for the president position. She ran unopposed. Gwen Tweed motioned to accept her nomination and Kristie Simrau seconded. Vote was held and Katie Breault was re-elected to the president position unanimously
  - Adison Greer was nominated for the board as the vice president she ran unopposed. Gwen Tweed motioned to accept her nomination and Kristie Simrau seconded. Vote was held and Adison Greer was elected to the vice president position unanimously
  - Kristie Simrau was nominated for the board as the secretary she ran unopposed. Gwen Tweed motioned to accept her nomination and Joannie Willford seconded. Vote was held and Kristie Simrau was elected to the Secretary position unanimously
- Donation from Comcast has been made to leader's council for a total of 1,000 dollars from a gentleman who works with the company. He saw our program via social media and such when looking for nonprofits who work with youth. He recently moved to the area and donates yearly to various charities. Once the check is received Melissa will contact Joannie. A thank you card will be sent to the gentleman for his kind donation
- Gladwin and Clare have started 2 new camps the overnight camp will be in Isabella County at camp Coldwater the other is a day camp for youth 5-8 at the Magnus center. Transportation will be provided. Camp has been moved to the end of June in hope to gain more youth attendance. Melissa is asking that the leader's council provide a ½ scholarship to each youth who attends the program. The reason is Clare County's council wants to provide everyone with a half scholarship and wants to write one payment to MSU for it instead of each child. If they do this they would like to put it on the flyer the cost after the scholarship. Our policy is reimbursement by request. Meaning the flyer would need to reflect 2 different prices. Kristie Simrau agreed that it would look unfair to reflect it that way in the flyer and since the funds we have are to be used for education sees no reason why we can't support a ½ cost scholarship to the camp for every child. Erika Breault motioned to provide a ½ scholarship to all youth who attend camp. Kelli Muma Seconded the motion. Motion carried Our leader's council will provide the youth of Gladwin a ½ scholarship for every Gladwin youth who enrolls in camp
- Fish Fry is February 8th 2019. Flyers to come out this week please distribute