

Montcalm County 4-H Council Meeting

April 3, 2018

Present: Kim Thomsen, Michelle Nitengale, Jacob Anderson, Heather Anderson, Hailey Heft, Brad Heft, Chloe Arnold, Paula Plank, Rita Hockemeyer, Sariah Hansen, Kadren Grawberg, Roxanne Turner, Janelle Stewart

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.

Pledges Led by: Hailey Heft

Welcome and Introductions of all at the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Chloe Arnold moves to accept minutes with one change. The motion for selling bricks at the breakfast should not have included the refund of the rental fee in the motion. Motion supported with the change. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Paula Plank moves to place April treasurer's report on file. Motion supported. Motion carried.

MSU Extension Report:

Cloverbud craft day April 5th, 2-4 p.m.

Three new 4-H Clubs: Wild Wranglers, Boots and Buckles, Rebel Clovers

Shooting sports workshop last week in April – still room for attendees.

United Way grant of \$1700 (or so). Feedback included youth talking more and powerpoint of what the grant is used for.

West Michigan Compounding is interested in donating money for a county-wide activity. Kadren is working on writing a proposal for the company. Potential activities include roller skating, swimming, movie night. There was some discussion and we are invited to send Kadren ideas.

There is also discussion of a county wide bake-off.

Fairboard Report:

Four MSU staff (Patrick Cudney, Jake DeDecker, Bill Hendrian and Kate Courtade) attended the fairboard meeting to discuss the millage and the livestock auction issues. They have assured fairboard that if the millage does not pass, the youth will still get paid. MSU is willing to work with 4-H and the county to try to get 4-H viable in Montcalm County.

Still need close to \$60,000 for the bathhouse. Goal is to be ready by May 31st.

Showworks Training on April 22nd from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is May 12th to June 3rd. Leader approval will be June 4th through June 10th.

MSU Education Presentation by Roxanne Turner and Janell Stewart about effective 4-H Council, meetings and goals.

Things to consider from the presentation – Ground Rules for the council, checking our bylaws every year for things that need to be updated, creating a “parking lot” for ideas not on the agenda.

Old Business:

Still Exhibit/Food Auction:

Pioneer Auction Service and Dan Humphrey have agreed to be our auctioneers.

Breakfast and Benefit Auction:

Michelle Nitengale presented Benefit Auction report. The report is attached. Overall the breakfast and benefit auction were a success. We had 28 pounds of sausage left from the breakfast that has been vacuumed sealed and will be sold for \$7 per 2-pound package. Kadren Grawburg is the contact person for this.

Discussion on decals for buyers and donors. Decided to pursue this for the buyers at the Still Exhibit/Food Auction for 2018 Fair.

Millage:

Kim Thomsen provided an update about the millage. They are still looking for precinct captains and working on flyers. Discussion on the combine and parades.

Exploration Days: There are 11 youth scholarship applications, and all have met the council requirements.

Cooler: Council has purchased a cooler from Kmart and Michelle Nitengale is coordinating moving it to the concession stand.

New Business:

Scholarships:

Michelle Nitengale makes a motion to approve the scholarship for Lucas Grawburg to attend the Shooting Sports Workshop. Motion supported. Motion carried.

Graduation Cords: Kadren Grawburg is going to send a list of seniors with schools and clubs to Heather Anderson. Heather will contact all schools to see what they will allow. We will discuss more in May.

Still Exhibit Judges: Discussion on judges. Kim Thomsen will post the google sheet of judges and Michelle Nitengale will work on getting letters out.

College Scholarships and 4-Her of the Year Applications: Discussion on due date. Decided on first Monday of June for due date for both. Kadren Grawburg will send them out in the next newsletter.

Hailey Heft moves adjourn. Motion supported.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: May 1, 2018 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in Stanton.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Nitengale