

# Montcalm County 4-H Council Meeting

January 2, 2018

Present: Kim Thomsen, Michelle Nitengale, Jacob Anderson, Heather Anderson, Hailey Heft, Brad Heft, Chloe Arnold, Matt Jeffrey, Ashley Davis, Paula Plank, Cassie Newman, Bill Purcell, Kadren Grawberg

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Pledges Led by: Hailey Heft

Welcome and Introductions of all at the meeting.

## Secretary's Report:

December Secretary's Report was tabled as there were no minutes.

## Treasurer's Report:

Paula Plank moves to put January treasurer's report on file. Ashley Davis supports. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the proposed 2018 budget. Discussion centered around the fact that this is just a recipe and we can tweak as needed later. Heather Anderson moved to approve the 2018 budget. Brad Heft supports. Motion carried.

## MSU Extension Report:

Hailey Olger is receiving the Rabbit and Cavy Scholarship from MSU.

MSU is asking for payment for workshops when you register. Vicky and Kadren are working through procedures to take care of this in the office.

There has been some issues getting statements from Chemical Bank for some clubs. Vicky is currently working on this as well.

Don Lehman will be retiring soon. Betty Blasé will be the interim director for District 7 and 8 while they search for a new director.

The office will have a credit card machine for payment soon.

Kadren Grawburg has learned that she is ex-officio member of all committees and meetings. She has no voting power, but is there to ensure that MSU and 4-H procedures and policies are followed. She is not required to be at all meetings, but should know about them.

## Fairboard:

No report. Fairboard meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business:

## Still Exhibit/Food Auction:

Discussion about adding still exhibits to the food auction on Saturday evening. Heather Anderson moves to add still exhibits with a 10% commission for all sellers. Ashley Davis supports. Motion carried.

Paula Plank gave Michelle Nitengale the rules for Gratiot County and they will be incorporated into the fairbook.

#### Pancake Breakfast:

The date is March 24 at the Ash Building. Discussion about catering. Turk Lake would like \$4.00 a plate. Kelly Dines is looking into what this includes.

Paula Plank will contact Danny Humphrey and Jason Clark about being auctioneers for that morning.

Michelle Nitengale has agreed to mail out the letters and be point person for the donations. Breakfast will start at 9 a.m. with the live auction to start at 10 a.m.

#### Millage:

Kim Thomsen provided an update about the millage. The next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Farm Bureau office at 5:30 p.m. They are currently looking for Time, Talent and Treasure from those willing to assist in promoting the millage. They are looking for addresses of people to send "beg" letters to in the near future. Those addresses can be e-mailed to Kim Thomsen.

#### United Way Funding:

The grant application was turned in. Waiting to see if we get an interview or not.

#### Nominations:

We discussed the nominations from the December meeting.

Ashley Davis moves to reopen nominations. Heather Anderson supports. Motion carried.

Michelle Nitengale moves to close nominations for President with only Kim Thomsen being nominated. Paula Plank supports. Motion carried.

Paula Plank moves to close nominations for Vice President with only Brad Heft being nominated. Heather Anderson supports. Motion carried.

Michelle Nitengale moves to close nominations for Secretary with only Kelly Dines being nominated. Heather Anderson supports. Motion carried.

Paula Plank moves to close nominations for Treasurer with only Michelle Nitengale being nominated. Ashley Davis supports. Motion carried.

Michelle Nitengale moves to cast an unanimous ballot for Kim Thomsen for President, Brad Heft for Vice President, Kelly Dines for Secretary and Michelle Nitengale for Treasurer. Matt Jeffery supports. Motion carried.

Heather Anderson nominates Jacob Anderson as Teen Representative.

Brad Heft nominates Hailey Heft as Teen Representative.

Paula Plank nominates Ashley Davis as Teen Representative.

Cassie Newman moves to close nominations for Teen Representative. Michelle Nitengale supports. Motion carried.

Ballots were cast for Teen Representative. Hailey Heft was elected.

The 2017 Executive Board is as follows:

President: Kim Thomsen

Vice-President: Brad Heft

Secretary: Kelly Dines

Treasurer: Michelle Nitengale

Teen Rep: Hailey Heft

Flowers for Mark Peterson Funeral:

Paula Plank move to pay for the flowers for Mark Peterson's funeral from 4-H. Heather Anderson supports. Motion carried.

Recruitment:

Chloe Arnold and Hailey Heft shared that Greenville Public Schools is open to people presenting 4-H, but need leaders to attend as well.

Kadren Grawburg reported that Lakeview Public Schools will let the elementary send flyers home and that we can put flyers in the office at the middle school.

New Business:

Scholarships:

No scholarships.

Budget:

Discussion happened under treasurer's report.

Miscellaneous:

Kim Thomsen and Michelle Nitengale will meet on Friday to cash in the CD in order to help pay for office staff until a millage can be passed.

Hoofbeaters 4-H sent a thank you card for the pins for the club members.

Heather Anderson moves to adjourn. Jacob Anderson supports. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

Next meeting: February 6, 2017 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in Stanton.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Nitengale

