

**Notes from the Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association Council, May 9, 2017**



President Mary Aymen called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. Quorum was not met, no decisions made, discussions for information only.

**Present:** Mary Aymen, Clema Przemyski, Sue Stuever Battel, 4-H Program Coordinator Patti Error and 4-H Support Staff Kari VerEllen, MSU Extension District 10 Coordinator Joe Bixler.

**Secretary's Report:** Attendees read minutes, will consider for approval at June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills were received for Fall Family Social medals for \$44.71 and from Thumb Office Supply for \$12 for inscribed plates for the leader memorial tree.

**Old Business:** Mary heard positive feedback about the 4-H Leaders Appreciation Dinner.

**New Business:** The Master Gardeners are having a plant sale June 2 and wonder if 4-H would want to hold a bake sale. Clema is willing to assist. Patti will contact Murphy's for donuts. Kari will let them know some volunteers are willing.

An idea was mentioned to hold an Activity of the Month in lieu of Projects Galore. This will be on the August agenda.

The Constitution Committee plans to meet in September. Mary appoints the full council to the committee.

Mary will present the four 4-H college scholarships to students at their high school graduation ceremonies. Information was shared about making sure the awardee selection process is equitable and to ensure anonymity of applicants. The Scholarship Committee will look at the criteria in the future.

Request for trip scholarships to Citizenship Washington Focus were received. A decision will be made at the June meeting.

Ambassador candidate interviews are July 10. It was mentioned that Addy Battel and Pearl Daskam are now trained in the CSI: Healthy Soils lesson through Michigan 4-H Ag Innovators and could possibly be asked to lead an activity for the Cloverbuds in lieu of a craft. Council will decide on food at the next meeting.

Patti shared that the Huron Community Fair board approved placing a bottle collection container on the grounds during the fair for the 4-H Council fundraiser discussed at the April meeting. A grant check for the Proud Equestrian Program was received through the Council, which will be passed on to PEP. Patti and Kari represented Huron County 4-H during the clover campaign at Tractor Supply.

Patti and Joe shared information about the increase in state 4-H participation fee from \$10 to \$20. The amount has not increased in 10 years and will not increase next year. Campus will now handle the volunteer selection process, freeing up Program Coordinator time for local 4-H work. A letter that will be sent to leaders, then families, was shared.

Mary will write an update for the June/July newsletter about the decorated tree fundraiser to be held at the fair. Trees must be in by Friday, July 28, at 3 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 4 p.m. at the MSU Extension office.

Information sharing ended at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue*  
Sue Stuever Battel, Secretary