

## Minutes of the Huron County 4-H Council

December 11, 2017



President Mary Aymen called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

### Attendance:

<u>4-H Council</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>4-H Senior Ambassadors</u>	<u>Present</u>
Mary Aymen	2019	X	McKenzie Stomack	
Sue Stuever Battel	2018	X	Clara Tait	
Tami Daskam	2019		<u>MSUE 4-H Staff (ex-officio)</u>	
Jeff Gillig	2020	X	Patricia Errer	X
Kelly Hunsanger	2019	X	Kari VerEllen	
Clema Przemyski	2018	X	<u>Guests</u>	
Cyndi Puvalowski	2020	X	none	
Vivian Thuemmel	2020	X		

**Secretary's Report:** Jeff moved to approve the minutes of the November 5 meeting as printed. Second by Vivian. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The account balance is \$15,151.98. There are no bills to approve.

**Constitution Committee:** The committee shared a proposed Constitution and Bylaws. Council members gave feedback. An update will be shared and first reading will be held at the January 9 meeting. If there are no changes, second reading and vote will take place at the February meeting.

**Old Business:** The Fall Family Social silent auction was discussed with ideas for further improvement. Profit was approximately \$900. Next year's event is November 4, 2018, at the Pasta House in Kinde.

Project of the Month for November (jams and jellies) was cancelled for low enrollment. Vivian is coordinating an Instant Pot Project of the Month for January. Ideas for future months are: February photography, March teddy bears, April beaded jewelry and bat houses.

Cyndi will sell plat books at Thumb Ag Day.

**New Business:** Ideas were shared about attracting 4-H alumni to the 150<sup>th</sup> Huron Community Fair to reengage them with the county 4-H, such as inviting all past ambassadors and royalty to the Monday evening 4-H Club Explosion. Ideas: call forward all past 4-H members by decade, meet and greet afterward with punch and cookies in the Expo Center, photo booth. Sue will mention to the bean queen committee that we are considering inviting past royalty and ambassadors in case they would like to coordinate to do the same.

Fundraising was discussed. It was decided to hold a wreath silent auction at the fair with a format similar to last year's Christmas tree silent auction. Wreaths can represent any season

or theme with each club submitting one if desired. Council would reserve 10% of the proceeds for scholarships. The Saturday fair live auction was discussed. Patti talked with Small Livestock Association President Al Kuhn who indicated SLA has been retaining 5% of the sale of each 4-H craft item. Patti will set a meeting for her and Sue to meet with Al to discuss this and the best way for Council to retain some funds for scholarships.

Vivian and Cyndi were reappointed to new terms on the council.

Elections were held. Jeff nominated Mary for president. Second by Sue. Motion passed. No further nominations were presented. Mary was elected president unanimously. Vivian moved to nominate Tami as vice president, Sue as secretary, and Kelly as treasurer. Second by Jeff. No further nominations were presented. Tami, Sue and Kelly were elected to the respective offices unanimously.

Members signed a thank-you card for Tim Brady of Minute Man Metal who created and donated the lighted 4-H clover used at the fairgrounds during the Christmas light evenings. Patti reported that Huron County 4-H youth Addy Battel was invited to North Carolina to serve as keynote speaker at the 4-H Healthy Living Summit on May 4. Mary will submit a story for the radio.

Scholarship funding is needed for four youth to cover 4-H participation fees. Many thanks to Vivian for making an on-the-spot donation to cover a child's fees. Many thanks to Clema for doing the same to cover fees for five youth.

The council has one vote as a stockholder for the Huron Community Fair to elect fair board members.

A gift of \$10,000 was received from the Robison foundation for 4-H programming needs. It cannot be used for participation fees or scholarships. Patti is seeking ideas to make the best use of the funds. One idea is a Cloverbud day camp. As the foundation typically gifts \$1,500 to the Proud Equestrian Program annually, Patti recommended allotting \$2,500 to PEP this year.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the MSU Extension office conference room.

Vivian moved to adjourn. Second by Jeff. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stuever Battel  
Secretary