

Minutes of the Huron County 4-H Council

March 13, 2018



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

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	X
Sue Stuever Battel	2018	X	Clara Tait	
Tami Daskam	2019	X	<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		
Cyndi Puvalowski	2020	X		
Vivian Thuemmel	2020			

Secretary's Report: Jeff moved to approve the minutes as written. Second by Clema. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The ending balance for January was \$15,146.48.

Committee Reports

Event Scholarships: Discussion was held about scholarship forms for Exploration Days. Ideas for the future included streamlining the process to one form, paying MSU directly for Council-sponsored scholarships, and whether a form was needed. Emphasis was made about encouraging youth to attend Exploration Days.

Sue moved that Council wait to see how many youth and chaperones register for Exploration Days, whether or not scholarship forms are received, to determine if there is funding for each participant to receive a scholarship. Second by Tami. Motion passed.

Overall discussion was held about event scholarships. Past practice has generally been to fund Kettunen Center programs at 100%, Exploration Days at \$40, and national programs at approximately 25%. Questions: Is one program more valuable than another? Is there a limit per 4-H youth? Is another cap needed? Would an across-the-board percentage or scale be too limiting for some programs? Would a floor and cap with a percentage covered be appropriate? Suggestion was to add a disclaimer that scholarships are dependent on funds available and number of participants. Could we set an amount available per 4-H youth? How about leaving Exploration Days out of the scholarship form, and automatically matching the MSU low-income/first-timer scholarship for those who don't receive that?

It is requested that 4-H staff report at the next meeting with the number of youth and volunteers who participated in each 4-H event.

Jeff moved to continue to table event scholarship discussion. Second by Clema. Motion passed.

Senior Scholarships: A committee of Kelly, Clema and Vivian was appointed to review applications and decide on awarding scholarship.

Fundraising: Patti shared prices for t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies and polo shirts. She will add \$3 for polos and t-shirts and \$4 for sweatshirts and hoodies for council profit and create an order form by the next meeting/Leaders Appreciation Dinner. Jeff moved that we do a t-shirt fundraiser through Main Street Mercantile and purchase t-shirts, polos, crewneck sweatshirts and hoodies, and each will have a \$3-4 upcharge above printing prices. Second by Kelly.

The fair board has granted permission to use the 4-H/FFA Building at the fairgrounds for a garage sale May 10-12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday with half off Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Those who can help on Thursday and Saturday are especially appreciated. Drop off of items will occur April 27-28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sue moved to hold a garage sale at the fairgrounds May 10-12. Second by Clema.

Old Business: Country Clovers 4-H Club has received enough funding for five new fair showcases.

New Business: The project of the month for April is teddy-bear making. Patti will look into a plant project at a greenhouse in May.

The Leaders Appreciation Banquet is April 10 at the Huron Area Tech Center. Council will gather at 4 p.m. for a meeting and setup. Dian Volmering is set as caterer. Mary will arrange with Error's Greenhouse for flowers for tables and tokens of appreciation. Ambassadors and Junior Ambassadors will be asked to help with parts of the program.

Other business: Planning is underway for activities such as Exploration Days and Thumb Area 4-H Camp.

Kelly will inquire with Goodwill about being the charity for a month for donations for when customers round up their purchases. Discussion was held about the food stand near the grandstand at the fair for 2019 and beyond. Mary mentioned a shoe fundraiser.

Jeff moved to adjourn. Second by Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10, at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stuever Battel
Secretary