

Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes, September 13, 2018

Present: S. Montoye, K. Noggle, J. Martin, K. Packard

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Jean Martin.

Flag pledges were recited.

Minutes from the last meeting were read over and approved as presented.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$2603.35 in checking account, \$12,421.37 in Savings account and \$6105.06 in Memorial account. Katelyn reported that 2 check for scholarships were written and sent but have not yet been cashed. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Correspondence: Several thank you notes for BOS awards were received and read.

Staff Update: Sheri is now half-time with the rest of her time spent on the Teen Mental Health grant. There seems to be a need about how to talk to teens about mental health issues - how to talk to or respond appropriately to conversations; when to be concerned. There is a program called Natural Helpers which is old, but may be a place to start. U/M Basketball game on December 30 will offer \$10.00 tickets for 4-H youth. 50 people at the game grants us "Anthem Buddies" recognition. Club audits are supposed to be done by November 1, according to State 4-H office. We will work toward that goal. Sheri would like to see individual clubs take the initiative to represent 4-H at local community events - farmer's markets, school open houses, etc. The office is willing to help with this by giving out pamphlets, etc. New award levels have been proposed for individual clubs - Gold, Silver, Bronze which would be achieved by meeting standards (club audit, budget, others to be determined).

Kathleen is now full-time in the office. She participated in the exchange trip to Colorado, with 13 youth from Washtenaw County going. Colorado kids will come here next summer. Kathleen has taken embryology training and would like to present this to clubs in January or February. A Leader Appreciation program is planned for Wednesday, October 3 with a catered dinner, door prizes, etc. Instead of a post-fair meeting this year a survey was sent out and results were shared with superintendents. There was lots of mostly positive feedback about this. The monthly newsletter is being revamped.

Old Business

Scholarship discussion: There are currently 13 applicants for scholarships, although a few of them haven't sent in required documents. On Tuesday, September 25, the Advisory Council will meet with 3 members of Service Club to discuss scholarship awards. This meeting will take place at Grand Traverse Pie Company at 6:30 p.m. Jean has a conflict that evening with Still Projects meeting, so everyone who can should plan to be at that meeting.

BBQ Update: After losing money this year on BBQ, discussion centered around having a major donation in order to make this profitable.

New Business

Tree Sale: WFC needs dates ASAP. We had previously discussed holding the sale during 3 weekends,

starting at Thanksgiving. We need to confirm with Doug that he can pick up trees prior to Thanksgiving weekend, and that we can get together to set-up trees before then. Jean will contact Doug about the tree order and early pick up and will contact Farm Council about reserving the first 2 weekends in December for our usual sales. We reviewed the checklist that Sheri had provided and filled in a lot of empty boxes. One of things we need to do at November meeting is check the boxes in the storeroom prior to bringing to Tree Sale.

Expansion and Review Committee: Doug, Jason, and Mr. Schloss met and new connections are being made.

National 4-H Week Media Contest: Word is out via newsletter.

Recognition Event Sunday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m. at Farm Council Grounds: A checklist of duties was reviewed and some slots filled in. We will still hold a dessert potluck, but will contact food preparation registrants to ask them to bring a dessert to be spotlighted at this event. Again we need to check storeroom boxes for supplies - popcorn/boxes, coffee, hot chocolate, lemonade, cups, plates, etc. We selected Leader of the Year, and suggested 3 companies for Meritorious Service awards (Chelsea Library, Advanced Print and Graphics, and Everlasting Impressions). We will do medal awards on September 25. We are going to ask ambassadors and clubs to do decorations this year. There are people who have expressed an interest to help out in some way and they can be asked to help with this. Katelyn volunteered to do the photography for this event and suggested that maybe we could get the Farm Bureau photo booth as well. Although we have tried to shorten this program, it feels like we are neglecting some areas of 4-H which need attention - national and state 4-H events, Exchange program, State Awards. We will work on highlighting these areas this year.

Civil Rights Agreement: We reviewed this and signed it.

Council structure challenges/New members: With the leader appreciation meeting upcoming and club audits due, it was suggested that all clubs need to provide at least one member to attend Advisory Council meetings. This will become part of their re-enrollment packet. Names of participants will be faxed to office. Our January meeting should be a "welcome" meeting for these people and we should think about providing pizza or subs at this meeting.

Other New Business: Katelyn said that we need a bill for the small tent rental in order to pay it.

Our next regular meeting will be November 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at 4-H office. The scholarship/medal award meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Meeting adjourned.

Jean Martin, Secretary