Montcalm County Council
Minutes
May 1, 2013

Meeting location: 4-H Extension Office Conference Room
Call to order: 7:07
Attendance: Alice Hoitinga, Deb Bennett, Heather Russell, Judy Bigney, Jara Mogdis, Kim Thomsen, Kristen Diehl, LeeAnn McCarthy, Melanie Rodenhouse, Rebecca McCafferty

Secretary’s Report: Krisen motioned to accept minutes, Judy seconds. Motion Carried. Corrections on Geranium Sales the 17th and 18th not the 7th or 8th.

Treasure’s Report: Bounced Check from Benefit Auction, person will pay for charge and new check on May 5th. Kristen move to accept, Alice supports

Extension Report:
Participation fee not correct, not last year’s yet added. Donations directly to council will be better then sent through the foundation. Surviving the fair was a good short meeting.

Old Business:
United Way: Not as much as we asked for. County only got $2,850.50. Both counties total is $5,701. Rebecca meeting with United Way to talk about application.
Ag-based: Got Dairy grant for $500. Thinking about making homemade ice cream. 80% of grant needs to be used on dairy products. 20% used for non-dairy products. Have a video to play throughout the day. Other events going on. Bunnies and bonnets not happening.
Service Learning: One from North Central and one from Country Cruisers. North Central M-91 road Beautification. Country Cruisers Montcalm Animal Shelter. Animal Shelter: Judy makes motion to approve, Kristen supports. Motion Carried. Road Beautification: Judy makes motion to approve grant, Alice supports. Motion Carried. They have approval from fair board and M-Dot. Hailee’s blanket project did well, now we are just waiting for report.

Concession Stand Improvements/Coordinator: No idea if anything will get done. Kristen will e-mail Mike McGonigal, to talk about doing it ourselves and bill them. Monday the 20th during the day is a workday. It starts at 8 to 8:30. Melanie will get supplies list from Jason. Judy talks to Angie from five corners being the coordinator. Needs a bid from her. Hours are 8-8 with shifts from 7am-9pm. Food license needs to be applied for now. Kristen made an attempt to contact Coke for fountain pop, we do have a popcorn machine for the week, we just need supplies. Shari Potter has expressed interest in being a coordinator also.

Geranium Sale: Profit will be $1,463.50 if everything comes in. Need help with unloading trailer. Be there on the 17th at one. Need to sort Friday night. Pickup Saturday. Judy cannot be there on Saturday. Alice will be there on Saturday and will make sure the money and receipts will be done.

Participation fee: Five youth are in need for their participation to be paid for. It will be $30. We have the written request now. LeeAnn makes motion to approve and Kristen seconds it. Motion carried.
New Business:

4-h’er of the year: there are 9 of them so far.

GLNRC (Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp): Three applications. Pay ½ is in the budget for last year. Half would be $167.50. Deb makes motion to pay ½ for the three scholarships. If anymore come in they will be reimbursed at fair. Heather seconds. Motion carried.

19 year project: Kaelyn McCarthy project and training is seeking approval. Project: “Sky Angels” and training was done at Ferris. Kristen supports project and training, Alice supports. Motion Carried.

Retirement Gifts: Judy motions to purchase up to $50 for Susanne and $ for Lynda. Susanne: Barnes and Noble/ restaurant/ Lynda restaurant or JoAnne’s fabric.

Expo: 13 participants, there is a need for one female chaperone still.

Herdsmanship: Ideas for Registration. All clubs are automatically signed up for Herdsmanship.

Adjourn 9:08
Melanie and Kristen make motion to adjourn meeting.
Next meeting June 5, 2013
Respectfully Submitted,
Jara Mogdis