Montcalm County 4-H Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2014

Meeting Location: 4-H Extension Office Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Member’s Present: Heather Russell, Carl Black, Julie Terry, Alice Hoitinga, Melanie Rodenhouse, Rebecca McCafferty, Rachel Rodenhouse, Kennedy Cogswell, Heidi Terry and Kim Thomsen.

Guest’s Present: Michelle Nitengale, Mary Nitengale and Elizabeth Thompson.

Secretary’s Report:
• Motion made by Alice to accept the Secretary’s Report as presented, seconded by Rachel. Motion carried.

Treasure’s Report:
• Motion made by Julie to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented, seconded by Alice. Motion carried.

Special Guest Requests:
• Kids, Critters and Crafts have requested a Service Learning Grant for the bench to be placed on the Fred Meijer Trail. They 4-H club is going to maintain the clean up around their bench in Stanton. Also someone will come and talk to the group of kids that is cleaning up about how they clean up the trail every year.
• Magna Serentis Trip: They want a scholarship for a rock climbing and outdoor adventure expo. Magna Serentis are requesting $400 for gas and trailer rental. Six kids and 2 or 3 adults will be attending the trip.

MSU Extension Report:
• 4-H Judge Idea: Putting together a little thank you for the judges on water bottles with a lemonade packet. We have a little over 50 judges at fair. Come an hour before the June 4th council meeting to create these thank you gifts.
• 4-H Graduation Cords were brought for the seniors at Lakeview High School. Lakeview High School would like someone from 4-H to present the cords to the seniors on May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:
• Service Learning Mini-Grant
  o Motion made by Melanie to give $250 to Kids, Critters and Crafts for the bench, seconded by Julie. Motion carried.
• Pancake Breakfast/Auction
  o Pat asked for a reimbursement for the pancake mix that she had to buy.
Concession Stand:
- Donation/Update: We got approved to do whatever needs to be done with the stand. Plumbing and electrical need done ASAP! Melanie has someone willing to do the plumbing and Rebecca is going to look into the electrical.
- Lions Club: They are willing to help run the concession stand.
- Kim will take care of the food license.
- Melanie will take care of the details with the Lions Club.

Performing Arts & Style Show:
- June 14th at 6 p.m. at the Ash Building
- Heather has a keyboard to be used.
- Kids can get there at 5 p.m. to rehearse. Show starts at 6 p.m.

New Business:
- 4-H’er of the Year Interviews: Applications are due June 9th and the Interviews will be done on June 11th at 5:30 p.m.

4-H Recruitment Grant Application:
- Tri County Country 4-H club requested money for hotdogs to sell at TSC. Request denied.
- Motion by Rachel to approve a Rabbit Agility Recruitment during fair, seconded by Kennedy. Motion carried.

Scholarships:
- Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp: three new 4-H’ers will attend camp this year. Motion made by Carl to cover half the cost of the 4-H’ers to attend camp, seconded by Kennedy. Motion carried.
- Magna Serentis Trip: Motion made by Carl to pay $400 to Magna Serentis for gas and a trailer to attend the expo, seconded by Alice. Motion carried.
- 4-H Exploration Days Scholarships: Motion made by Julie to pay $85 towards the 4-H Exploration Days registration fees for each 4-H’er, seconded by Kennedy. Motion carried.

Project Proposal:
- Misty wants the 4-H Council to help pay for wildflowers to be planted at the fairgrounds. So they can be planted and have signs about what the flowers are used for. Tabled.

Next Meeting is June 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville.

Motion made by Carl to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kennedy. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Russell