

October 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Amy Hein. Claire Donaldson and Shelby Bult lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Lin Wozniowski, Seth Nichols, Patti Nichols, Connie Brittingham, Nicole Kasperian, Sharon Harris Justine Gatlin, Janet Kraynik, Christy Long, Amber Miller, Amber Johnson, Michelle Humbert, Rebekah Lamb, Dwayla Lamb, Lisa Bubala Rachal Bult, Shelby Bult, Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Rachel Koehler, Deanne Nagel, Amanda Woodworth, Lynette DuBord, Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Linda Dillon, Kristen Donaldson, Claire Donaldson, Colleen Donaldson, Judy Dawson, Sarah Dingman, Max Buche, Kris Reed, Tom Reed, Debbie Nieman, Austin McNeill, Jennifer Haynes, and Julie Jones

The secretary's report for September has been on-line. Lisa Bubala moved to accept the secretaries reports. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report So far this year the County Committee has taken in \$68,885.82. and spent \$70,207.54. Checks for this past month amounted to \$900.60 with deposits of 482.72

Correspondence: The Nichols family wanted to thank 4-H and County Committee for the flowers that were sent and for all of the food that was brought to Jim Nichol's Celebration of Life and for the presence of everyone who came. It was greatly appreciated. Connie Brittingham moved to send a \$50 donation to the Endowment fund in Jim Nichols name. Patty Nichols seconded. Motion carried..

Special Discussion: Amy Hein emphasized that everyone should enroll now, if they have not already done so.

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kasperian reminded everyone that there was a meeting of the Auction committee immediately following the County Committee meeting and that there was a lot to discuss.

Horse and Pony. Christi Long missed the meeting and did not have anything to report.

Junior Leaders: Clair Donaldson reported that the Junior Leaders had been quite active. The Junior Leaders had a Halloween party with 30 people present. A new record post COVID. The Junior Leaders packed food for Pack Away Hunger. Between the Saddles and Spurs, Prairie Pioneers, and Junior Leaders, 4-H packed 40 boxes for a total of 1,440 meals that one day. The Junior Leaders will be chalking the sidewalks of the Government Complex prior to the election about 4-H.

By-Laws: Amy Hein is looking for a volunteer to take over the chairmanship of the By Laws committee with Jim Nichols death.

Finance: Julie Ziese indicated no report

Nominations: With elections later in the evening, this report was skipped at this time

Standing Committee Reports

Achievement Night: Amy Hein reported that at an earlier meeting the 3 committees had again been divided up and there was nothing to report on the Achievement Night

Awards: Lisa Bubala, reported there was nothing to report

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski reported 20 invitations to potential Ambassador Board members had gone out earlier in the week, but that responses had not been received from everyone. There is going to be an Ambassador Board Kick-Off Dinner at the 4-H Extension office on Thursday November 9th at 6:30 PM

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon reported that it was going to be cheaper to purchase the individual items than buy the package deal. There would be 2 meats and a meatless Mostaccioli. Pepsi is donating the drinks. The committee is asking 4-H adults/members to bring deserts. There will be a contest. She proposed the Ambassadors to be the judges.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski stated that although more than one bid form had been sent out, only one bid had been received. It was from Henning's Greenhouse. They are able to supply all of the Geraniums asked for at the price of \$18/flat, which works out \$1.00 per flower. Nicole Kasperian moved to accept the bid. Sarah Dingman seconded. Motion passed.

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham: Connie reminded members to get their memory books in by November 1st.

Trophies: Linda Dillion had nothing to report

Promotion: Lynette DuBord wanted to thank everyone for their help at the 4-H fair kick off. There were 8 clubs represented at the Kick-off. As of 10/26/2023 70 4-H members had already enrolled. It is hoped that we will be able to get that number up to 200 enrolled members this year

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniowski. Amy Hein wanted to thank the committee for their help in getting more people to the County Committee meetings. Linda Dillon added that Amy Hein provided the meat for the Sloppy Joes she fixed for everyone to enjoy. Judy Dawson provided the delicious brownies and Rice Krispy Bars.

Old Business:

Rule Changes: The rule changes were presented at a separate rule change meeting. Most of the non-animal rules are covered by the state and are required to follow their rules. The new state rules have been posted on the state website. So, most of the rules were for the animal projects and were designed to meet the needs of the changing amounts of animals in the various projects. Connie Brittingham moved to accept all of the rule changes as proposed. Nichole Kasperian seconded. Motion passed.

Geranium bids: Geranium bids were taken care of during the committee reports.

New Business:

Elections: The nomination committee slate for all of the positions were presented on a paper ballot to all adult volunteers who had enrolled for the 2023-2024 4-H year. Amy suggested that we take care of the elections in stages grouped by categories. The first category was for open County Committee seats. Because a number of members of County Committee were up for re-election and the new by-laws required increasing the County Committee to 20 and 2 open County Committee seats there were nine (9) open seats to be filled. Some were for the full 3 year terms while others were for 1 or 2 year terms. The slate for Countee Committee nominees included:

Megan Bush-Horse and Pone Expertise, Lin Wozniewski-Non-traditional 4-H programming Expertise, Janet Kraynik-4-H Livestock/Auction Expertise, and At-Large representatives of Rachael Bult, Lynette DuBord, Jackie Gerner, Patti Nichols, Debbie Nieman, and Amanda Woodworth.

Amy opened the floor up for other nominations. Lisa Bubala nominated Michelle Humbert. Jackie Gerner withdrew her name. There were no more nominations. Denna Sutton moved to close the nominations and have the president cast a unanimous ballot for all of the County Committee nominees. Nicole Kasperian Seconded.

The general superintendents was the next category. Amy Hein was up for the barn general superintendent and Linda Dillon was up for the building general superintendents. Amy Hein asked if there were any other superintendents. After 3 calls there were no nominations and Denna Sutton moved that the nominations be closed and the president cast a unanimous ballot. Connie Brittingham seconded.

Attention then turned to the project superintendents. The first set consisted of

| Project | Superintendent | Project | Superintendent | Project | Superintendent |
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| Aerospace | Steven Shareef | Floral Design | Sandy Monroe | Basic Craft Other | Marsha Essary & Barb Russell |
| Ceramics | Sarah Dingman | Giftwrapping | Deana Sutton | Jewelry Making | Christi Long |
| Leathercraft | Lynette DuBord | Needlecraft Other | Sarah Dingman | Reclaimed Treasures | Kathy Hinshaw |
| Scrapbooking | Dwayla Lamb | | | | |

At that point Amy Hein asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none after three (3) calls, Connie Brittingham moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast by the president. This was seconded by Seth Nichols.

The second page was then read.

| Project | Superintendent | Project | Superintendent | Project | Superintendent |
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| Soft Dolls & Toys | Linda Dillon | Wearable Art | Jennifer Wilson | Wreaths | Lisa Bubala |
| Beef | Matt Hayden & Dave Monix | Cake Decorating | Sandy Monroe | Child Development | Sharon Harris |
| Communications | Susan Stremпка & Lin Wozniewski | Computer Science | Lin Wozniewski | Consumer Clothing | Deana Sutton |
| Construction & Architectural Replica | Lisa Bubala | Cake Decorating without tips | Sandy Monroe | Collections | Sharon Harris |
| Consumer Meats | Lin Wozniewski | Planters | Rebekah Lamb | Exploring through Books & Movies | Rebekah Lamb |
| History for Fun | Dwayla Lamb | Music | Angie Davids | Sports | Angie Davids |
| Tablesetting | Deana Sutton | Dairy | Amy Hein | Dairy Goats | Patty Kvachkoff & Tom Reed |
| Dog | Christi Long | Electricity | Lin Wozniewski | Entomology | David Dingman |
| Fine Arts | Laura Clemons | Floriculture | Stephanie Neal | | |

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| Foods | Lin Wozniewski | Forestry | Lin Wozniewski | Garden | Rebekah Lamb |
| Genealogy | Lin Wozniewski | Geology | Diana Dingman | Health | Justine Gatlin |
| Meat Goats | Tristan Hann | Mini 4-H | Lynette DuBord | Needlecraft Other | Sarah Dingman |
| Photography | Helen Carrillo & Kristen Pozen | Poultry | Patti & Seth Nichols | Rabbits | Michelle Humbert & Amanda Woodworth |

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| Sewing | Linda Dillon | Sheep | Ike Essary & Don Hulse | Small Engine | Steven Shareef |
| Soil & Water Science | Julie Duttlinger & Rachel Pash | Sportfishing | Rob & Lisa Bubala | Swine | Nicole Kasparian & Austin McNeill |
| Veterinary Science | Judy Katz | Weather & Climate Science | Lin Wozniewski | Wildlife | Lin Wozniewski |
| Woodworking | Steven Shareef | Barn Battle | Sharon Harris & Kristen Pozen | Entomology CDE | David Dingman |
| Forestry CDE | Lin Wozniewski | Gardening for Fun | Rebekah Lamb | | |

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| Handbook Cover Contest | Judy Katz | Livestock Costume | Heidi Laub | Livestock & Dairy Judging | Ike Essary, Amy Hein, Austin McNeill, & Dave Monix |
| Poultry & Egg Judging, Rooster Crowing, & Roles are Reversed Showmanship | Patti & Seth Nichols | Early Project Check-in | Marsha Essary & Barb Russell | | |

Performing Arts was tabled until November. Amy Asked for any other nominations. After there were no more nominations after 3 calls Deana Sutton moved the nominations be closed and the president cast an unanimous ballot. Lynette DuBord seconded.

There were two nominations for the Supreme Showman Contest: Josephine Gianni and Amy Hein with Amanda Woodworth. A paper ballot was passed out. Amy Hein and Amanda Woodworth won the election.

Shelby Bult and Mackenzie Smith (via her mother) requested funds to attend the Eastern National Horse and Pony Public Speaking and Demonstration contest in Louisville Kentucky. They requested \$150 each for the hotel for the two nights they would be there. They would be sharing a room. After some discussion Linda Dillon moved that the County Committee support the girls for \$300. Patti Nichols seconded. Motion passed.

It was announced that any budget requests be emailed to Jackie Gerner so the draft budget could be presented at the November meeting.

Lynette DuBord encouraged everyone to vote for the Prairie Pioneers Scarecrow "The Sky's the Limit" at the Deerfield Senior Citizen's Web Page.

Amy Hein announced that the Lake County Fair Board were looking for Jr Fair Board members in the 20-35 age range.

Educator Comments:

Julie Jones announced that 4-H enrollment was going strong. They will be distributing gifts to the 1st 100 members.

Julie asked for volunteers to help with the internal audit. The committee will consist of Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniewski, Janet Kraynik, and Debbie Nieman.

Julie also indicated that Junior Master Gardner Leader Training was going to be available in LaPorte and encouraged any one interested to go.

Jennifer Haynes announced that 4-H camp would likely be June 4-6 for 3rd-6th graders and that we would need 40 4-H members to sign up. The 4-H members in the 9-12th grade would act as councilors and actually do the teaching at the camp. It would be a little more expensive than the Dunes Learning center. It would be \$200/person. If we do go back to the Dunes Learning Center, the dates would be July 1-3rd this year.

Jennifer also announced that Indiana State was not sponsoring Citizenship Washington Focus this year. Instead they were allowing people to apply to go to the National 4-H Congress in Washington DC. The National 4-H Congress will be April 19-24th and is open to 9-12th graders. The registration deadline is December 15th. A letter will go out to eligible 4-H members.

The next County Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 6:00 at the Extension Office.

Nicole Kasparian made a motion to adjourn: It was seconded by Kristen Donaldson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski