

Marshall County Council
Secretary's Report
April 6, 2023
Tonja Lemler, Council Secretary

Call to Order, Abby Ennis, Council President

OFFICER REPORTS

- Secretary's Report-Tonja Lemler
 - -Motion to approve the Secretary's Report: Theresa Kline
 - -Seconded by: Jody Vermilion
 - -Motion Passed

- Treasurer's Report-Patti Kitch, Council Treasurer
 - 1) Just a reminder that Amazon has discontinued their Amazon Smile program. We were encouraged to participate in the TSC Clover program every spring and fall, the Kroger Card Program, and the United Way Direct Gift Program.
 - 2) There are four trophies that still need sponsors. See Barb Penrod or Patti Kitch for details.
 - 3) There are still some clubs having issues with their Audits.
 - 4) Concern over where the Shooting Sports equipment is stored and if the paperwork has been filled out and filed was mentioned. This will be checked into and taken care of ASAP.
 - 5) It was brought up that some are having trouble filing their tax forms this year. The IRS is changing their system/website and things are slow and a bit confusing. Please start trying now. Contact another 4-H leader or Patti if you have issues.
 - Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Nicole Cox
 - Seconded by: Barb Penrod
 - Motion Passed

COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

- Junior Leaders-
 - 1) There was no March meeting.
 - 2) Travis Barnhart applied for the \$1,000 YES Grant through 4-H. It involved putting together 150 birthday boxes to be distributed to the 8 Food Pantries in Marshall County.
 - 3) Their next meeting will be Monday, April 17 at 5pm, or shortly before if possible. They will be volunteering at the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Plymouth.

- Fair Board-Abby Ennis
 - 1) Fair schedules are at the printers.
 - 2) Will be partnering with a company to do long-range planning for our fair and fair grounds. Including paving the parking lot/s and updating buildings and grandstand/s.

- 3) Reminded us that if they can get the corn, there will be a Corn Booth at the fair this year and townships will need to sign up to help work the booth.
- Kids In The Classroom Committee
 - 1) A new committee was formed and met before tonight's Council meeting.
 - 2) They decided that it is just too late in the school year to try and do it this year.
 - 3) Discussed many options of different projects to do with the kids.
 - 4) Decided to stick with one age group. Their choice was 1st grade, with the hope they will sign up for 4-H again in 2nd grade and thereafter.
 - 5) May possibly divide the county into thirds and each third will do a different project and it will rotate through each one in a revolving cycle.
 - 6) Were encouraged to talk to teachers and Counselors about coordinating with them and their curriculum.
 - 7) Decided to meet again in the fall to plan things out for the following year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Flowers-Orders are due April 21.
 - 1) Please email your totals to Lindsay, on or before April 21!
- Super Tag-In: Saturday, May 6
 - 1) The forms were sent out last week. You may want to check with your club families to make sure they received them.
- Poultry Superintendent
 - 1) Still have no one.
 - 2) They did have 1 inquiry, but it didn't work out.
 - 3) Terri Barnhart is planning to call Steve Schweisberger to see if he knows of anyone.
 - 4) Nicole Cox mentioned that the Bohnke Family may be interested.

NEW BUSINESS

- Grant
 - 1) Michelle mentioned this Lily Grant to the Executive Board and they have run with it!
 - 2) Deadline is quickly approaching.
 - 3) It would help pay for improvements to fairground structures, paving, handicap accessible options, and other fairground improvements.
 - 4) We can ask for up to half of our operating expenses, up to \$45,000.
 - 5) Could possibly tie in with Fairboard who would be able to ask for up to \$65,000
 - 6) This Grant would be based on a program called, Strengthening Youth Programs, which partners children with Special needs with children who would then help

them to either show an animal at the fair or help them with an Exhibit Building project. They would have their own show called, "A Possibilities Show", but depending on the situation they could possibly show in the regular 4-H shows.

- 7) We need to reach out to the school Special Education teachers. Helen Schmidt and Theresa Kline volunteered to help!
 - 8) This would be for children with special needs between the ages of 5-19.
 - 9) We aren't ADA compatible at the fairgrounds so we have kids who can't show.
 - 10) Michelle has extensive skills at writing grants, but can't write this for us. She can look it over when it is written and give advice. She can also write a letter of support.
 - 11) Morry Riddle made a motion for the Executive Board to push this through and go forward with the grant to allow access to handicapped kids.
-Helen Schmidt seconded
-Motion Passed
- Ambassador Program update
 - 1) A new committee was created to look over and revamp this entire program.
 - 2) Those 4-H kids who apply and make it onto the Ambassador Board will be announced at the Opening Ceremonies of the Fair. They will all then be available to help during the entire week of the fair.
 - 3) Those who win the Star Achievers Awards will be announced prior to Sweepstakes at the fair.
 - 4) T-shirts may be an option for all of the kids on the Ambassador Board. Patti mentioned she may even know of a sponsor who would cover the costs of the shirts with their sponsorship on the back of the shirts.
 - 5) The Committee is working on what the prizes and awards will look like for the kids participating and winning this year.
 - 6) Morry Riddle made a motion to approve the new program and for Council to set aside \$1,000 for the Ambassador Board Committee to cover costs for this new program this year.
-Helen Schmidt Seconded
-Motion Passed
 - Blueberry Breakfast Planning Committee
 - 1) We need to start a committee for this!
 - 2) Those interested in being on the new committee will be meeting before the May Council meeting.
 - 3) Teri Zechiel has met with Tim Quik and has all of the information
 - 4) Tracy Houin has information on the needed Sponsors
 - Blueberry Booth
 - 1) The Extension Office will be setting up a booth at the Blueberry Festival to help promote the 4-H Program.

- Bob Yoder has officially retired. He will be presented with a plaque from Purdue. Thank you, Bob, for your 38 years of service!

EDUCATOR'S COMMENTS

- Brittni Gendron: 4-H Camp Bus
 - 1) For the last couple of years, Marshall County campers and St. Joseph County campers have met and gone together on a bus to Camp Amigo. Sharing expenses.
 - 2) Brittni Gendron CED and YE from St. Joseph County asked if we could divide the cost up as a percentage this year since St. Joseph County has fewer campers attending than Marshall. Last year we used Plymouth School Corporation and the cost of the bus was much higher than either county expected. This year Marshall County Council Executive Board members have already been searching for the best cost effective and available options for bus transportation. They believe we will be able to use Triton School Corporation for a bus and for a much lower cost of around \$400. Terri Barnhart said she will be talking to Triton for more information and confirmation and will report back to Council at the May meeting and then the Extension Office can touch base with Brittni in St. Joseph County.
 - 3) Barb Penrod asked about the volunteers needed to ride the bus up to camp and back. It was mentioned that this can be any officially screened 4-H volunteer. We will need volunteers from both Marshall and St. Joseph counties. Last year the secretaries from both counties rode the bus with the campers.
 - 4) The theme this year will be Pirates of Camp Amigo.
 - 5) Training for the Camp Counselors is going well.
 - 6) Council already sets aside money for camp and campers. The cost is around \$200 per camper for the week. Transportation costs are a part of the allotted money, as well.
 - 7) Morry made a motion to divide the cost for the bus between Marshall and St. Joseph Counties by the percentage of kids attending from each county.
 - Helen Schmidt Seconded
 - Motion Passed
- Heather: Lily Grant
 - 1) See GRANT under NEW BUSINESS above.
- Josh Winrote: Educator/Council Expectations
 - 1) Josh Winrote from Purdue wanted to touch base with Council. He wanted to know how we on Council and the Extension Office plan to go forward together for the betterment of the Marshall County 4-H Program and ultimately for the kids of Marshall County.
 - 2) There were extensive discussions on a variety of topics and concerns on both sides. It was agreed by all that there needs to be better communication both ways.

- 3) Patti Kitch asked that it go on record stating that we on Council do not want to get yet another Youth Educator and that we truly want to do what we can to help Michelle succeed.
- 4) Josh asked if we could have a follow up meeting in a couple of weeks. It was decided that we would meet after the next Indiana Quality Livestock meeting, which is on Wednesday, April 19, from 5-6pm at the Extension Office. He will bring pizza and we will have a quick follow up meeting at 6:30pm
- 5) Barb Penrod made a motion that a couple of amendments need to be made to the April Council Minutes: (See page 5 of the April Minutes)
 - 1) The Shooting Sports guns and ammo need to be inventoried and stored separately. Josh Winrote stated at the April meeting that he would show the office staff what to do.
 - 2) There needs to be a specific Shooting Sports report sent to Purdue every year.
-Seconded by Mindi Williams
-Motion Passed
- 6) Barb Penrod made a motion that an Amendment be made to the above Amendment:
-According to Patti Kitch, Shooting Sports is the only group that hasn't turned in an Audit Report packet this year.
-Seconded by Jodi Vermillion
-Motion Passed

- Enrollment This Year: 4-H: 407
Mini: 107
Adults: 157 TOTAL: 514
- Enrollment Last Year: 4-H 412
Mini: 107
Adults: 170 TOTAL: 519

ADJOURNMENT 9:30

Name	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Terri Barnhart-Bourbon	x	x	x	x								
Patti Kitch-Bourbon	x	x	x	x								
Jodie Vermillion-Bourbon	x	x	x	x								
Tami Langfeldtl-Center												
Morry Riddle-Center	x	x	x	x								
Theresa Kline-German	x	x	x	x								
-German												
Abby Ennis-Green	x	x	x	x								
-Green												
Brooke Kitch-Jr. Leaders												
Travis Barnhart-Jr. Leaders												
Regina Jones-North		x	x									
-North												
Nicole Cox-Polk	x	x	x	x								
Jeanie Stidams-Polk		x	x	x								

Tonja Lemler-Tippecanoe	x	x	x	x								
Mindi Williams-Tippecanoe	x	x	x									
Barb Penrod-Union	x	x	x	x								
Michael Skiles-Union		x										
Dawn Middaugh-Walnut	x	x	x	x								
Helen Schmidt-Walnut	x	x	x	x								
Tracy Houin-West	x	x		x								
Teri Zechiel-West		x	x									
Extension Office Representative-Michelle Gordon-Releford	x	x	x	x								
Angel Balsley-Fairboard	x	x	x									
Amy Grove-Fairboard			x	x								
Kate Hayden-Honorary for West		x	x	x								

Counsel Visitors
 January-
 February-
 March-Connie Lemler, Sarah Leeper
 April-Brittini Gendron, Josh Winrotte
 May-
 June-
 July-
 August-
 September-
 October-
 November-
 December-