

May 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Deanne Nagel. She led the American Pledge & 4-H Pledge

Roll Call: Present were: Deane Nagel, Jim Nichols, Vicky Nichols, Judy Dawson, Linda Dillon Colton Neal, Sharon Harris, Justin Gatlin, Debbie Sajdera, Jennifer Bisig, Trinity Peldonia, Jamie Lies, Connie Brittingham, Lisa Bubala, Colleen Donaldson, Caroline Donaldson, Kristen Donaldson, Lin Wozniewski, Jody Brown, Amy Hein, Debbie Neiman, Julie, Ziese, Debbie Lilly, Julie Jones, & Jennifer Haynes.

Secretary's Report: Since the last month's minutes were not posted, the motion to approve the March 31 minutes was tabled until next month. Motion to Approve 2nd

Treasurer's Report Beginning balance: 54,65.39, Deposits 35,99.50, Checks (27,524.9) Ending Balance 63,046.66 Motion to Approve Connie Brittingham 2nd Amy Hein Motion carried

Project Superintendents need to find out what the funds are in your project area and deal with the money. Money can be used for team building or awards

Correspondence: Send check to 4-H Foundation as friend of 4-H for Joan Rosenthal

Committee Reports

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT: Debbie Nieman, **Amy Hein** No report. Achievement still scheduled for the Sneak Preview day before the fair.

ADULTS LEADERS: Connie Brittingham & Judy Dawson, Lin Wozniewski reported we were going to have a Leaders Meeting immediately after County Committee

AUCTION: **Deanne Nagel** & Ellie Knizner 6 before June County Committee The next meeting will be at 6:00 before the June County Committee meeting

AWARDS: Vicki Gianni, Connie Brittingham, Deanne Nagel, Amy Hein, **Debbie Sajdera**, Debbie Nieman The committee members have been in contact with Vicki daily. Project award paperwork has been mailed. The committee will meet again when the applications are submitted. There are 18 Lake County 4-Hers going to various camps and academies this summer, 14 of them from the new Juntos 4-H program.

BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING: Linda Dillon, **Lisa Bubala** No report

BY-LAWS: **Jim Nichols**, Debbie Sajdera Nothing to report

CLUB AUDITS: Deanne Nagel, **Debbie Sajdera**, Nothing to report

FINANCE/BUDGET: Connie Brittingham, Vicky Gianni, **Ellie Knizner** Nothing to report

FUNDRAISING: Vicky Gianni, **Lin Wozniewski** The County Committee wants to go ahead with the Chicken Dinner. Lin Wozniewski will contact Great Oaks and get prices

GERANIUM: Debbie Nieman, **Deanne Nagel** This committee report will be covered later under Old Business

HORSE & PONY: Kristi Long, **Kristin Donaldson** The committee is meeting next Thursday

JUNIOR LEADERS: **Colleen Donaldson**, Colton Neal, The Jr. Leaders planted geraniums at their meeting Tuesday and weeded at the County Extension Office. They are planning to go on the Madam Carrolle Trip in June, They are still Collecting gently used Books for the County Youth Clinics, They are looking into new service ideas

MEMORY BOOKS: Vicky Gianni, **Connie Brittingham**, The committee will not be meeting till Fall

NOMINATIONS: **Amy Hein** Nothing to report

TROPHY COMMITTEE: **Lisa Bubala**, Linda Dillon, Sponsorship forms are going out. The committee has contacted Crown Trophies.

Guest Speaker

H & P Judging Teams Colleen Donaldson, Caroline. Donaldson, both from Saddle and Spurs, and Trinity Peldonia from Just Horse Around, The Horse and Pony Judging Teams are getting ready for Nationals. The girls went over what the Horse and Pony Judging teams do. Thanked County Committee for Money. The teams got 3rd, 2nd, and 4th.at state. The teams practice every week

OLD BUSINESS:

Geranium Sale –P/U 04/30/22 Henning's Greenhouse -DeMotte, IN. This year the net profit was \$13,960.77 compared to last year's net profit of \$14,867.85. 150 flats of purple geraniums were over sold with approximately the same number of red

geranium flats being undersold. The County Committee met to determine how to handle the problem. Each club was asked to reduce their number of purples sold. Some discussion ensued about the colors. It was pointed out that there were problems with too many 4-H activities on the same day. Deanne pointed out that this was one of 2 county committee fundraisers and that more help was needed. Julie volunteered Roz to make a sign-up sheet next year for time slots to help. A better method of determining number of colors is needed. Suggestions under consideration include having the clubs sell geraniums in the fall and having an online form that leaders would be expected to update constantly. The website would let people know when a color was sold out.

The Lake county share the fun did not take place because there were too few entries. However, the Crown Clovers did get permission to go on to Area as did the Davids.

The Lake County Speech and Demonstration Contest was held Wednesday. 3 Senior Demonstration projects qualified for state and 2 Senior Speeches did also. There 2 Junior Speeches and 2 Junior Demonstrations that qualified for State. We had 1 mini speech.

NEW BUSINESS

Vet Protocol – The veterinarian the Lake County Fair has been using retired. As opposed to having a veterinarian at the fair, the Fair Board has said that if an animal gets sick, it is up to the family to get their own veterinarian. 4-H does not want to put it on the families to decide if an animal should go home. Julie wants a committee to deal with the situation before it is a problem. She proposed the committee consist of some number of the animal superintendents. Amy asked us to table the discussion because the State is requiring the Open classes to have a permit to show. Horse and Pony has a committee in place already. Purdue is reportedly applying to the state for all county fairs.

Endowment - Lin Wozniowski Gift Agreement. Lin Wozniowski has donated \$25,000 to the 4-H Foundation to fund in perpetuity 4 awards. They are 2 middle school awards, one the James D Wozniowski Memorial Award and one the Bill and Joy Black Memorial Award. And 2 High School awards: The James D Wozniowski Memorial Science Award and the Bill and Joy Black Memorial Family Arts Award. The County Committee needs to formally accept the Endowment. The motion was made to accept the endowment by Connie Brittingham and seconded by Linda Dillon. Motion carried

Sewing Award Proposal – Linda Dillon Farm Credit Services announced an award for counties for agriculture. Linda proposed giving a sewing machine to the Grand Champion in Sewing each year with the money. A discussion followed. It is not clear that the sewing project would qualify for agriculture. It was decided that Linda would reach out to Farm Credit Services to see if the sewing award would be appropriate.

Farm Credit Services – Sponsorships, events, awards, gifts This discussion was wrapped into the previous one. Nothing was decided

Purdue University Youth Protection policy update. The Extension Office will complete state and national sex offender registry checks for individuals who are invited to interact with our 4-H youth as guest speakers and judges. We also need inform these individuals of our youth protection policies. Therefore, when a 4-H leader invites someone to interact with members, e.g. when they schedule a guest speaker to come to a club meeting, they are asked to please give the person's name to Roz at the Extension Office at least two weeks in advance. There is a letter (a summary of youth protection guidelines) that can be given to the guest directly or sent by the office. A discussion followed about how this would put even more burden on administrative leaders. Jennifer and Julie pointed out that this was a Purdue policy and not necessarily designed for 4-H. They are still trying to figure out the best ways to meet the requirements.

The building set-up will be Tuesday July 12th starting at 5:00. Amy Hein moved that the County Committee pay for the food. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion carried. The Junior Leaders will help serve it and actually order the food and pick it up. Lisa Bubala will look up how many pizzas were ordered last year.

Clubs are reminded that we are trying a new "Club Corner" this year. Please have your club set up a trifold poster about what your club does, where and when you meet, etc. It is a way to advertise your club to get new members and help advertise 4-H. Club members helping with the exhibit will be able to claim service on their yearly 4H achievement record.

The Junior Leaders will have a concession stand open during open judging this year.

Amy Hein, as treasurer of Farm Bureau asked about 3 things:

1. She asked if 4-H was going to do a GooseChase scavenger hunt again. She and Julie will need to discuss this.
2. The Farm Bureau would like to run a scavenger hunt at the fair for the general public with the prize being Junior Leader Ice Cream. She was inquiring if the Junior Leaders would again be running the Ice Cream Stand. She was assured they will be.
3. The Farm Bureau would like to make a large donation to the Animal Barns

EDUCATOR COMMENTS Jennifer and Julie reminded Leaders that Fair Entry is now open. Members should start getting their projects in.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT Deanne adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM