

November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Deanne Nagel. She led the American Pledge & 4-H Pledge

Roll Call: Present were Debbie Sajdera, Elyse Ivak, Ike Essary, Amanda Woodworth, Connie Brittingham, Lin Wozniewski, Rich Bult, Steph. Neal, Jody Brown, Kristen Donaldson, Colleen Donaldson, Lisa Bubala, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, Justine Gatlin, Debbie Nieman, Deanne Nagel, Amy Hein, Jim Nichols, Vicky Nichols, Julie Ziese, Nicole Kaspariane, Richard Ziese, Debbie Lily, Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Julie Jones, and Jennifer Haynes

Secretary's Report: It was noted that the date of the banquet was incorrectly reported as 11/19 instead of 1/19/2022. Ellie Ivak moved to approve as amended. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report Beginning balance: \$44815.09, Deposits \$524.34, Checks (\$3180.36) Ending Balance \$41863.32 Motion to Approve Ellie Ivak  
2<sup>nd</sup> Connie Brittingham -Motion carried

Correspondence: none

### **Committee Reports**

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT: Amy Hein & Lisa Bubala – no report

ADULTS LEADERS: **Linda Dillon** & Judy Dawson, No meeting.

AUCTION: **Nicole Kasparian** & Ellie Knizer, Nicole Kasparian is taking over the chairmanship of the auction committee. The committee is sending out Happy Holiday Thank You cards to the last several year's buyers. The committee approved their budget and calendar at the meeting just prior to the County Committee meeting.

AWARDS: Connie Brittingham, Deanne Nagel, Amy Hein, **Debbie Sajdera**, Debbie Nieman Linda Dillion, Judy Dawson. An ambassador meeting was held on 11/14. Most of the ambassador's attended. A few had prior commitments and sent their regrets. There are 17 members of the ambassador board this year. The ambassadors were very receptive to the idea of being more visible and having a service project. The first service project they will be undertaking is Helping out at the HC3 Frostyville at the Hansen Community Center, 2823 Martha Street, Hammond, IN on Saturday December 3 2022 from 12:00-4:00. Besides helping out, they will have a table to explain 4 H and help the attendees make a small project. Another opportunity will be to help with a Spaghetti Dinner at the same location in April. T-Shirts have been ordered and should arrive in time for the December meeting. Polo shirts have been ordered for the new ambassadors

BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING: Linda Dillon, **Lisa Bubala** Great Oaks Banquets has been reserved for 1/19, 2023. The doors will open at 6:00. The meal will be served at 6:30.

BY-LAWS: **Jim Nichols**, Debbie Sajdera The committee is "working on it". A meeting is scheduled for 1/23/2023 at the extension office.

CLUB AUDITS: Deanne Nagel, **Debbie Sajdera**, no additional information since last meeting

FINANCE/BUDGET: Connie Brittingham, **Ellie Knizner** Jennifer Bisig. Jennifer was added to the committee

FUNDRAISING: **Lin Wozniewski** Nothing to report

GERANIUM: Debbie Nieman, **Deanne Nagel** The geraniums will be taken up later in the meeting under New Business

HORSE & PONY: Kristi Long, **Kristin Donaldson** Kristin Donaldson is stepping down from the County Committee. Deanne Nagel is taking over for her. The Horse and Pony Judging Team participated in the Eastern 4-H Horse Round up Horse Judging Contest. The team consisted of Caroline Donaldson, Mackenzie Smith, Collen Donaldson, and Mikel Younkin. They were coached very well by Kelsey. There were 20 teams and 73 individuals in the contest. The team placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall, 5<sup>th</sup> in Team Halter, 9<sup>th</sup> in Team reasons, and 11<sup>th</sup> in Team Performance.

Individually In Individual Halter Caroline placed 8<sup>th</sup> & Mackenzie 16<sup>th</sup>, Individual Performance Caroline place 15<sup>th</sup>, Individual Reasons, Mackenzie and Caroline tied for 18<sup>th</sup> & in individual overall Caroline took 9<sup>th</sup> & Mackenzie 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations team

JUNIOR LEADERS: Colleen Donaldson, Clare Donaldson, The Junior Leaders are planning a bowling party at Stardust Bowl in Merrillville on 1/12/2022 at 6:00. They are planning to do Warm Up Frosty for the Volunteer Banquet. They are still collecting gently used books to give away when children get shots with the county. They are planning on going to a Griffith Grinners meeting to explain what Junior Leaders is about. They are looking for clubs interested in having Junior Leaders come to their meetings. Please contact Jennifer at the office or Lin Wozniewski or Kristin Donaldson if interested in having a Junior Leader come out to your club meeting

MEMORY BOOKS: **Connie Brittingham**, 16 4-Hers turned in memory books. They are all graded and ready to be picked up. This is more than any time in the recent past.

NOMINATIONS: Amy Hein Amy presented the slate of President: Amy Hein, Vice President Julie Ziese. Secretary, Lin Wozniewski, & Treasurer. Debbie Sajdera

TROPHY COMMITTEE: Lisa Bubala, **Linda Dillon** no report

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Horse and Pony Treasury: The Horse and Pony committee has not finished writing the report. It is expected to be done by January

Sub-Committee Responsibility and Sign-ups: Debbie Sajdera and Lisa Bubala. A sign-up sheet was passed around and returned to Deanne Nagel at the end of the evening.

Endowment Fund Update: Nothing more is expected to be known until February of 2023.

Geranium Sale Update: The new state rules require that sales tax be paid on all fundraisers making a profit of over \$20,000. Traditionally the county makes more than this. It was not clear if this meant that sales tax had to be paid on everything or only the amount in excess of \$20,000. It was assumed that the sales tax would have to be paid on everything just to make it easier to determine the selling price of the geraniums. Several scenarios were presented by Debbie Sajdera to everyone present. After some discussion, Connie Brittingham moved that the price of the geraniums be set as \$36/flat or \$2.00 per plant. Ellie Ivak seconded. Motion carried April 29<sup>th</sup> was the date finalized for the Geranium Pick Up and Henning Nursery, DeMotte as it has been for the last several years. Mr. Henning would like to come out and present the new method of ordering geraniums. A date in January is being arraigned with him. More on this later

Any other Old Business: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget Presentation: Debbie Sajdera presented the proposed budget for 2023. She again urged project superintendents to use up their budgets by holding workshops or other items for the benefit of the members. The amounts from the endowment fund will not be available until February. Debbie proposed that the fee schedule for trips be changed. The current method has the younger members paying the most and the older members paying nothing. She proposed that everyone pay a flat fee of \$25 for an application for any trip, whether it be camp or Band, Chorus, Round-up, Academy, & State Jr. Leader Conference.. Much discussion followed. Connie Brittingham moved that the budget be passed as presented with the new trip fee schedule. Debbie Nieman seconded. Motion carried

Meeting Schedule: The following meeting schedule was presented for the County Committee

December: No meeting

January – Annual Meeting 1/15/2023

February: No meeting

March 23, 2023

April 27, 2023

May 25, 2023

June 22, 2023

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Wednesday)

August 24, 2023 Fair Review Meeting

September 28, 2023 Superintendent Elections

October 26, 2023 Board of Director Elections

November 16, 2023 (Week early due to Thanksgiving)

Discussion followed on the fact that July 26<sup>th</sup> is the date that the projects may be due down at the State Fair. It was decided to leave the calendar as presented. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the calendar as presented. Nicole Kasparian Seconded. Motion passed

4 H Club Window Display Contest. Lin Wozniewski reminded everyone to turn in pictures by December 1<sup>st</sup>. 3 entries have been received so far: Saddle and Spurs, Rockin' Clovers, and Just Horsing Around. If you think you have turned in a window display and your name is not on this list, please contact Lin.

Election of Officers: : Amy Hein        Amy presented the slate of President: Amy Hein, Vice President Julie Ziese. Secretary, Lin Wozniewski, & Treasurer. Debbie Sajdera. Linda Dillon nominated Deanne Nagel for President. Lisa Bubala seconded. Deanne accepted the nomination. Amy Hein moved that the paper ballots be destroyed after counting. Linda Dillon seconded. Motion passed. Amy Hein won the election. There were no other nominations for any of the other positions other than those presented by Amy. Connie Brittingham moved that the nominations be closed for each position in tern and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Linda Dillon seconded each motion. All motion passed.

There were no additional comments from the Educators

Debbie Neiman made a motion to adjourn : It was seconded by Connie Brittingham The meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniowski