

March 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Amy Hein. Caroline Donaldson and Garrett Neal lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Kristen Donaldson, Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniowski, Christy Long, Linda Dillon, Nicole Kasperian, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Lisa Bubala, Caroline Donaldson, Justin Gatlin, Marsha Essary, Ike Essary, Jackie Gerner, Janet Kraynik, Megan Bush, Garrett Neal, Colton Neal, Stephanie Neal, and Jennifer Haynes.

The secretary's report for November has been on-line. Nicole Kasperian moved to accept the secretaries report. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report So far this year deposits have been \$10425 and withdrawals have been #11500.95, leaving a balance in the bank of \$31,918.41. Lisa Bubala moved to accept the treasurers report. Linda Dillon second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Several thank you notes were received. Autumn Davids sent a thank you note for her Senior Year Scholarship. She is using it to attend Valparaiso University to study Music Theory. Thank you notes were also received from the families of Jim Nichols and Ken Kraft for the memorials sent to the 4-H Foundation in their names. And another thank you note was received from Ken Kraft for the flowers sent to his funeral. In addition another couple of thank you notes were sent from the 4-H foundation for the \$1000 donation to the Senior Scholarship fund and for the donations in the names of Jim Nichols, Ken Kraft, and Don Scherringa.

Special Discussion: Can you assist with a committee? Amy Hein asked if anyone else wanted to be on any of the committees.

### **Sub Committee Reports:**

Auction: Nicole Kaskperian, Janet Kraynik: Nicole Kasperian indicated the committee had not met since November and that there would be a meeting immediately following County Committee

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi reported that 30 people had done horse and pony demonstrations and that they had taken in about \$100 in the fund-raising dinner at Panda Express.

Junior Leaders: Caroline Donaldson, Garrett Neal. Caroline Donaldson reported that the Junior Leaders made tie blankets at their February meeting that they would be donating to Phil's Friends next week. The Junior Leaders are meeting Tuesday 3/26 at Phil's Friends to donate the blankets and do further service at the facility. They will also learn what Phil's Friends does. For the April meeting, the Junior Leaders will be meeting at the Government Center on 4/17 to learn about County Government with Commission Tippy.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Amy Hein reported that nothing was happening with the By-Laws committee at this time.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniowski. Lin Wozniowski reported that all of the Club audits had been done successfully. The County Committee and Horse and Pony Audits were done successfully. The material to do the Auction Committee Audit was just received at the beginning of the County Committee and would be completed the next day.

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. Julie Ziese indicated there was nothing to report.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Achievement Night: Amy Hein , Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Amy Hein reported that we would have the Showcase Tent for the Sneak Preview night again this year.

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala reported that the committee had met the previous week and gone over the letters that would go out to the high school and middle school students soliciting resumes and applications for the awards. These letters are expected to go out the week of 3/25/2024. Amy Hein indicated that Farm Bureau had approved their budget and would again be sponsoring the same amount as usual toward the Ambassador Awards. She also indicated the same was true for The Butcher Block.

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniowski reported the 2023-2024 ambassadors were hard at work on their Ambassadors Projects. So far 9 of the 17 ambassadors have completed their ambassador projects and all of the rest of the Ambassadors have their projects well under way. Two of the Ambassadors applied for a Yes grant. We will have to wait until 4/1/2024 to see if they get it.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette Dubord Linda Dillon reported more tickets were sold than were expected to be sold and the food cost less than expected so it looked like we were up about \$400 over what was expected. Everyone had nothing but good things to say about having the banquet at the 4-H building and how much better the food and decorations were. Everyone like that it felt like "home". Linda indicated that she wanted more people on the committee next year.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniowski indicate that Geranium orders were due in 3/28/2024. The Sign-Up Genius was out for clubs to sign up for times to pick up their geraniums. The committee was just waiting now to see what the orders looked like. .

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham indicated there was nothing to report.

Trophies: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda Dillion indicated the price on the trophies would remain the same.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord announced that the Hobart Hurricanes was going strong and were planning their program for the second year. And a new club was being started in Hammond. There was an Open House planned for 3/23/2024 at the Hammond Library to get new members. Eagle Creek Up and At'Em is having a mini call-out meeting.

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniewski Amy Hein thanked Linda and Lin for the food provided for the County Committee.

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Amy Hein led the discussion. She indicated that we could expect more donations from Pepsi next year as Pepsi will route their normal donation to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana through the Stock the Trailer Program of Lake County. It was pointed out that last year's trial run needed improving. Most of the food that was donated was donated at the 4-H Building and we were very thankful to Colton Neal for shuttling the food down to the trailer. It was also difficult to find someone who knew where the key to the trailer was to put the food in the trailer when it was brought down to the barns. Suggestions were made to put the trailer up at the 4-H Building. And then if the trailer was full to shuttle it down to the Arena where there would be Semi Trailers to block people from the midway from getting free viewing of the Grandstand. After much discussion, it was clear that there were a lot of questions about the Stock the Trailer program. Amy Hein indicated that she would send out an email to the County Committee and people are supposed to add their questions and email back. The feeling was to find a place in the 4-H building to collect donations and then shuttle the food down to the semi-trailer in the Grandstand area in the morning when the Fair is not busy. We would put the Stock the Trailer signs on the Semi.

Old Business:

Stock the Trailer; Discussion was held up in the Standing Committee Area

Committee Sigh-ups. Handled up in the Special Discussion Area

New Business:

Board Binders.: Jennifer passed out binders to all County Committee members with policies and information and minutes.

Name Badges and/or Shirts. Lin Wozniewski brought up that the County Committee members did not have anything to identify themselves as belonging to the County Committee out in public. Linda Dillon moved that County Committee pay for Badges for the County Committee members and any County Committee members wanting shirts would pay for them themselves. Lynette DuBord seconded. Lisa Bubala volunteered to look into prices for shirts.

Educator Comments:

Julie Jones was not able to join the County Committee and so she left a number of announcements with the agenda:

Please see the 4-H Calendar on the website to keep up with everything that is going on.

The Purdue Day of Giving will be April 14. People will be able to designate their donations to come to the Lake County 4-H program. Money so designated will be earmarked for the STEM Center at the Lake County Fair. Money just earmarked for Lake County will go to fund an educational garden to the south of the Extension Office. Last year Purdue raised over \$110,000,000.

An email went out to all graduating seniors. If they fill out a survey by April 1, they will receive a 4-H graduation tassel.

Purdue has announced that it will offer college credit for 4H experience to any incoming college Freshmen starting fall 2024.

There will be an Area X judging clinic on May 2 2024 at Purdue Northwest in Westville. All Lake County non-animal superintendents and judges are encouraged to attend. Please register to attend using 4H Online.

Julie and Jennifer are looking for ideas for next year's Volunteer Development.

Julie requests that volunteers use the proper form for scheduling workshops, but not club meetings. There is also an updated form for scheduling guest speakers.

Jennifer updated the group on the plans for the 4-H Camp. There were so many applicants to be a camp counselor it was necessary to ask some applicants to please apply next year.

Since the meeting did not take very long, Amy had everyone go around the room having everyone say something.

Lisa Buballa announced that a Sportfishing event would occur on June 22 and that they were looking for volunteers to help with the paperwork and measuring fish.

Colton Neal thanked the County Committee for sponsoring his trip.

Judy Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Bubala seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski