

September 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6.00 by Amy Hein. The pledges were led by the two new. Jr Leader representatives, Elaina Berrones and Nathon Jamrosz.

Roll Call: Present were: Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniewski, Linda Dillon, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Lisa Bubala, Justine Gatlin, Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Debbie Nieman, Judy Dawson, Rebekah Lamb, Dwayla Lamb, Michelle Humbert, Christy Long, Stephanie Neal, Kristen Donaldson, Connie Brittingham, Amanda Woodworth, Patti Nichols, Nathan Janrosz, Elaina Berrones, Deana Sutton, Jennifer Haynes, and Julie Jones.

The secretary's report for August has been on-line. Patti Nicholes moved to accept the secretaries report. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion carried,

Treasurer's Report In April there were deposits of \$697.00 and withdrawals of \$2,758.15, leaving a balance in the bank of \$34,588.41. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the treasurers report. Deana Sutton second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Amy Hein indicated that quite a number of Thank You notes had been received from 4-H members for their medals, trophies, and Ambassador Awards./

Special Discussion: Julie Jones indicated that 4-H Online was now open and ready for people to start reenrolling. She indicated that the process was a little different this year. Leaders need to sign up for all the rolls that they fill and all the projects they are in charge of. This needs to be done before any official 4-H function they are involved in after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Which rolls the leader signs up for will determine which of the videos they are required to watch for training. Everyone will no longer be required to watch videos every year. Julie, Jennifer, and Roz are more than happy to help if anyone is experiencing any difficulty with the sign in process. Julie had a paper that explained all of the different volunteer classifications and who should be using which classification for what.

#### **Sub Committee Reports:**

Auction: Nicole Kaskperian, Janet Kraynik: No report due to illness

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi Long indicated that the committee was looking into a couple of rule changes.

Junior Leaders: Elaina Berrones, Nathan Jamrosz: Elaina and Nathon reported that the Junior Leader had a callout meeting at Scheeringa's Farm on 9/20/2024. The Junior Leaders are having an Completion Trip at Enchanted Castle on 9/28/2024. They are planning on working at the 4-H Kickoff on 10/12/2024. The Junior Leaders are doing a scarecrow at a nursing home. Lin Wozniewski announced that Jr. Leaders were having a second call-out meeting on 10/22/2024. It will be a Halloween theme. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Nothing to report.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniewski. Nothing to report.

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. Julie Ziese is looking for people interested in serving on the County Committee. Several of the old members are being forced to sit out for a year by the new bylaws.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

Achievement Night: Amy Hein , Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Amy Hein asked the County Committee if the board was still OK with the Achievement night being on the sneak preview in the Showcase tent. Everyone agreed they were. The date for next year's Achievement night will be Thursday July 31.

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala reported that 65 ROA's were received and the potential Ambassadors identified.

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniewski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniewski reported that invitations had gone out by email to 20 potential Ambassadors and that 3 affirmatives had been received back so far.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette Dubord. Linda Dillon indicated the Banquet would be in the same place as last year (the 4-H building at the fair) on Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the same night as a normal board meeting. The menu has not been set yet as several ideas were still being discussed. There will again be a desert contest with the Junior Leaders judging.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniewski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniewski passed out a summary of the previous several year's geranium sales. Hennings will be selling the plants for \$1/plant. It was proposed that we leave the club share at \$0.20. Everyone seemed OK with that. The order for 2025 is proposed to be 345 red, 210 white, 260 pink, and 245 salmon. Debbie Nieman motioned to approve the proposal. Patti Nicolls seconded. Motion passed. It is anticipated that the plants will again sell for \$1.90.

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham indicated Memory Books due November 1.

Trophy/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda Dillion nothing to report.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord said the 4-H Kickoff would have a sports theme this year and be on Sunday October 12. A mini rodeo is planned at the same time. The promotion committee is hoping all of County Committee will turn out to support the Kick-Off. All of the Junior Leaders and Ambassadors are asked to attend in their T-shirts or Polos.

In addition, the Promotion committee is asking for help at the Brunswick Beavers Open House on October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00. And the Hammond Explorers Open House is Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-3. Countee Committee members, Jr. Leaders, and Ambassadors are all invited to help out in shirts.

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 reported that Lake County took Second Place in the Stock the Trailer contest with 9,940 lbs. First place was 16,300 lbs. and third place was 7,450 lbs. This entitled Lake County to \$4500. A discussion ensued on what to do with the money. Amy proposed giving \$1,000 to the Junior Leaders, \$1,750 to Linda and Rebekah for replacing the shelving on the shelving units at the Fair, and the last \$1,750 to Amy for purchasing a trailer and freezer and refrigerator for use in the Barn Dinners. Ike Essary made a motion to accept Amy’s proposal. Patti Nichols seconded. It was pointed out that True Value was offering 4-H County committee a 30% discount on the shelving units. The brackets will bolt right to the existing uprights. Would will then be purchased to put on the brackets.

Old Business:

Quickbooks update. Jackie Gerner was traveling for work and unable to make it, so no update was available

Stock the Trailer: Was discussed during the Standing Committee Reports.

Notes from the Fair Review questions. Amy took the minutes of the August meeting to the Fair Board. They assured 4-H that the wash racks would be taken care of. The problem of the lights and fans was being looked into, but no promises. Rabbit barn needs to put together a list of things that they need done and give it to Amy ASAP, before the budget for the new year is set.

Sponsor Letters: County Committee approved the revised form. If anyone has a list of sponsors that the form needs to go out to, they need to email Roz the information.

New Business:

New project proposal – Small Animals and Urban Ag. Deana Sutton moved that we add these two new projects. Debbie Nieman seconded. Motion passed.

Retire projects – Scrapbooking and Dairy. The scrapbooking superintendent recommended that scrapbooking be discontinued as a separate project and rolled into Basic Craft Other. Connie Brittingham moved that scrapbooking be moved to basic craft other. Linda Dillon seconded. Motion passes.

Amy Hein indicated that she would prefer the Dairy project not be retired yet. There was an indication of increased interest in the project and she felt that she would like to continue to be the superintendent and encourage more participation in the project. The County Committee felt the project deserved more time and the idea of retiring the Dairy project died from lack of a motion to retire it.

Policy on Memorials: County Committee inherited the problem of memorials from the Adult committee when the Adult committee was disbanded. But there is nothing formal in the By-Laws on the subject. This was brought to light when Patti Nichol’s son-in-law, Brandon was shot in the line of duty as a police officer. Memorials are to be sent to Kentland Bank to Kostion Schreiber, P.O. Box 145, Kentland, IN 47951. Brandon had 2 small children. Ike Essary moved that County Committee donate \$50.00 to the family to use as they please. Deana Sutton seconded. Motion passed. It was further decided that the matter of developing a formal memorial policy be referred back to the By-Laws committee.

Share the Fun: Julie asked if any of the leaders or County Committee were interested in continuing Performing Arts or Share-the-Fun. Most other counties have discontinued it. Lisa Bubala moved that Share-the-Fun be discontinued. Deana Sutton seconded. Motion passed.

Dates for 2025 County Committee meetings: were announced as follows:

January 23 (Thursday)	Recognition Banquet & Annual Meeting: Present receipts/expenditures & approve new budget
March 27 (Thursday)	Business meeting: Audit Committee reports on internal audit
April 17 (Thursday)	Business meeting
April 26 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Geranium distribution
May 22 (Thursday)	Business meeting: By-Laws presents proposed changes
June 26 (Thursday)	Business meeting: By Laws present 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading
July 8 (Tuesday)	Building Set-Up. Business meeting follows. Vote on By-Laws changes
July 31 (Thursday)	Achievement Night
August 28 (Thursday)	Fair Review, Business meeting if needed
September 24 (Wednesday)	Business meeting: Nomination presents slate of at-large directors, Prepare requests for geranium bids, schedule next year’s meetings, review project completions & drop/add projects & activities
October 23 (Thursday)	Business meeting: Election of directors, superintendents, & activity directors, review proposed changes to projects/activities, review geranium bids/update groms distributed to clubs, pudget proposals due to finance committee, Appoint audit committee.
November 20 (Thursday)	Business meeting: Elect officers, Finance Committee presents proposed budget, update list of sub-committees and assign chairpersons, banquet committee invitations/programs/script

Livestock meeting: Due to illness in the auction committee leadership, a livestock meeting will be called. Details will be emailed. It may be a Zoom meeting.

New 4H educator interviews. Julie announced that the county would be interviewing another candidate for the 4H educator position to take over many of her duties on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM. Lin Wozniewski, Connie Brittingham, Linda Dillion, and Judy Dawson volunteered to be on the interview committee.

Educator Comments:

Julie Jones announced that the building was finally getting at least part of the greenhouse that was originally designed to be on the building as a result of the funding from Purdue's Day of Giving. They have contracted with a company to come in and direct Lake County volunteers in building a High Tunnel building. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM till 2:00 PM to build the tunnel and learn how to use high tunnels in farming and gardening operations.

Julie also announced that the Extension Annual Meeting would be held at the Extension Office on Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> and everyone should save the date.

Debbie Nieman moved to adjourn the meeting. Patti Nichols seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski