

May 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Amy Hein. Zayn Shareef led the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniowski, Linda Dillon, Nicole Kasperian, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Lisa Bubala, Justin Gatlin, Jackie Gerner, Megan Bush, Garrett Neal, Stephanie Neal, Judy Dawson, Rachael Bult, Cristy Long, Caroline Donaldson, Kriste Donaldson, Zayn Shareef, Michelle Humbert, Coralee Slurset, Jennifer Haynes, and Julie Jones.

The secretary's report for April has been on-line. Nicole Kasperia moved to accept the secretaries report. Lisa Bubala seconded. Motion carried,

Treasurer's Report In April there were deposits of \$6670 and withdrawals of \$25332.15, leaving a balance in the bank of \$47,139.93. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the treasurers report. Linda Dillon second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Amy Hein read the Thank you letters from the winners of the Speech and Demonstration contest and the Livestock Judging Team.

Special Discussion: Fair Passes. Amy Hein reminded everyone needing a Fair pass to register in 4H online. Amy announced that she had asked the Fair Board to give all of the 4H volunteers helpers passes instead of 10 day punch passes. This would amount to an on paper savings to the Fair Board of \$30 per pass and allow 4H volunteers to just show their pass at the gate without having to stop and have it punched. A win for everyone. The Fair Board had not met to act on Amy's proposal, but there was every reason to believe the Fair Board would pass it. Amy also pointed out that the Fair Board had never sold Mega Passes. The Carnival sold Mega Passes and they were the ones who decided to discontinue selling them

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kaskperian, Janet Kraynik: Nicole Kasperian indicated the auction committee was moving forward. There was a meeting right after the County Committee meeting

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christy Long indicated the committee was working on the fair schedule and that there would be some new classes.

Junior Leaders: Caroline Donaldson, Garrett Neal. Caroline Donaldson reported that the Jr Leaders planted geraniums in front of the 4-H office and did a lot of weeding. They all signed a Thank You card for commissioner Tippy for showing them what goes on in the government center and allowing the Jr Leaders to have their April meeting in the County Commissioner's Board Room. Caroline proudly announced the Jr Leaders are holding their first blood drive on June 7th in conjunction with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Sigma Phi Omega Gary Chapter. We would appreciate as many people as possible sign up. See the flyer on the 4H calendar. The Jr Leaders will be involved in a lot of activities in June and therefore will not meet. They will be going on the Indiana Beach Trip and Madam Carol Cruize, working as councilors at 4H Camp, going to Round-Up, and Achademy.

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

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniowski. Jackie Gerner reported nothing to report.

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 Achievement Night was going to happen, but as this was mostly a last minute thing, there was nothing much more to report.

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala reported that the Ambassador Interviews had gone well. The committee was still looking for people to help sponsor Ambassador Awards and special awards. The committee was going to meet again to finalize awards.

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniowski reported that all of the Ambassadors had completed their Ambassador projects. The last two Ambassadors had finished the raised garden box that they made for the Luxe Life Senior Living and Memory Care facility. All they had left to do was deliver it. The used the funds from Lake Counties first ever Indiana 4H Foundation YES grant. We are all very proud of them and all of our Amassadors.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette Dubord. Linda Dillon did not have anything to report.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniowski indicated that we sold 1072 flats of geraniums. We took in \$36,601.50. \$3714.40 was disbursed to the clubs. The greenhouse bill was for \$19,296.00. Meaning that we made \$13,586 to fund Lake County 4-H for the year. Due to the fact that we voted to give the clubs more than we had planned to when the budget was being finalized, we have a budgeted shortfall of \$1155. The committee did not feel this was going to be a large problem. The distribution did point out the need for more adult supervision It is imperative for the club leaders or club representatives to count the geraniums as they are going on the vehicles. The Junior Leaders did a fantastic job of counting the geraniums and keeping them moving, We ran into a little problem at the beginning because the greenhouse had new people working and did not realize how many geraniums we would load in how short a period of time. It took a bit for them to get caught up. We ended up about 7 flats short out of over 1000 flats. But leaders need to count their flats too. With that many flats, it is easy to get off.

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

Trophy/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda Dillion said the committee was changing its name to reflect all of their responsibilities. It was pointed out that there was \$3670 in the Gene Hulsey memorial fund and that the Hulsey family would like the money used to fund the Ambassador Awards. Lynette DuBord moved to have \$1000 moved from the fund every year for 3 years and the balance the 4th year into the Ambassador Awards monies. Rachael Bult seconded. Motion carried.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord informed the County Committee that the Mini-Barnyard Shenanigans at Buckley Homestead had gone well. She also indicated that the two new clubs were progressing. The Hobart Hurricanes have ordered T shirts. The Hammond Explorers have started on a number of STEM activities. The New Chicago Parks has a Lunch and Learn program that provides school age children with a lunch during weekdays and some educational enrichment. They invited 4H to put on some programming. Lynette DuBord will be doing Leather craft with them 1 day. Lin Wozniowski will be presenting programs on the Periodical Cicadas, Clouds, Leaves, and Food Science.

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

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Julie Zeise indicated that fliers would be coming out soon. Lake County will be getting new banners

Old Business:

Quickbooks update. Jackie Gerner requested \$650 to be spent either of two ways to update the Quickbooks program used for County Committee. She was not sure yet if she wanted to continue using the desktop version or move to the online version that would allow up to 3 users and therefore allow the Auction Committee access. Lissa Buballa moved to grant Jacie the \$650 to be used for either of the 2 programs. Linda Dillion seconded. Motion passed.

Shirts: Lisa Bubala had an example of the shirts. She wanted everyone to look at them after the meeting.

New Business:

New Sponsorship Form. A new streamlined Sponsorship form has been developed to encourage sponsors to just donate toward the trophies/medals without specifying which project the money is to be used for. Nicole Kasperian moved to accept the new forms. Judy Dawson seconded. Motion carried.

Sportsfishing. Lisa Bubala was seeking funds to provide inexpensive poles and hooks for 4H members who could not afford them. She had tried getting them donated from Cabellas with no luck. Several people had suggestions on where to get the donations from other places. Lynette DuBord moved that Countee Committee make \$125 available to Lisa. Nicole Kasperian seconded. Motion passed.

Lynette DuBord announced that there would be a mini bike rodeo on June 29th at the extension office.

Educator Comments:

Jennifer Haynes said there were about 20 Lake County 4Hers signed up for camp this summer. She also indicated that she would need to get more chaperones from Lake County for next year. She reminded everyone that Livestock entries would soon be open.

Julie Jones initiated a conversation about the times club fill the hosting the 4H building time slots. A suggestion that a sign-up genius poll be opened was not popular. It was pointed out that a lot of the clubs have deliberately figured out when their club members are not tied up with their animal projects and they need to stay in those time slots. It was decided that the traditional club spots would be maintained and any clubs wishing to change time slots should let Roz know. The new clubs would be asked to pick from the open spots.

Clubs would be asked to sign up for a time at the PR booth using sign-up genius. The same is true for the ice cream booth.

Julie reminded everyone to check when and where projects would be judged as the schedule is quite different this year.

Julie indicated that they are still looking for judges for entomology, woodworking, photography, floriculture, garden, creative writing, and computer science. If anyone has anyone who would be good, please let Julie know.

Julie has a book with good ice breaker ideas that can be checked out of the office.

Indiana Food Agriculture and Related Business Workforce has a survey to determine employer needs in terms of careers in agriculture and related fields. They are looking for people to take the survey.

We are still waiting for details from Purdue's Day of Giving. Lake County placed 6th in all of the counties and earned a \$700 bonus.

Judy Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Dillion seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniowski