Minutes of the March 14, 2024 LaPorte County 4H Council Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by President Ruth Lile.
2. Attendance was taken. Members present include: Taylor Emmons, Sacha Gee-burns, Ruth Lile, Donna Matuszak, Andrea Mitzner, Zoe Pressel, Rebecca Tomich, Krissy Surma, Brenda Tuholski, Rebecca Tuholski, Nancy Williamson, DJ Wroblewski, Laure Allison, Kelly Wozniak. Guests include: Debbie Sajdera, Danina Bocanegra, Sarah Mosley, Jill Wozniak
3. Pledges lead by Nancy Williamson
4. Guest Speaker Danina Bocanegra – Outreach Services Coordinator of the LaPorte County Library spoke about:
   1. How they have partnered with Purdue educators and provide programs for insta-pot and slow cookers
   2. Superintendent of projects can hold classes and training at the exchange
   3. Are having a ribbon cutting soon to celebrate the new equipment
   4. All equipment is free to use – must take a safety class and then can use
   5. Can use the mobile classroom for stem events
   6. Have different databases on library website such as “create a bug”
   7. Do offer doorstep delivery
   8. Offer education kits and ask our educators to check these out for us
   9. Provided brochures of what library offers. All info on the website
5. Secretary report: two amendments required: Zoe Pressel and Rebecca Tuholski were present. Report accepted with amendments – motion by Andrea Matuszak and 2nd by Taylor Emmons.
6. Treasurer’s report – Report given and approved
7. Audit Committee: - no report
8. Award and Recognition Committee: no report
9. Budget and Finance Committee-
   1. Requested money to update the Small Project Building to have more secure and better looking displays. Better display for 10 year members, including TV monitors (which can also be used for workshops held in the building).
      1. Total cost was $4388.19
      2. Have reached out to other individuals and sources for donations.
      3. Agreed that if someone donated a large amount there would be a plaque to designate donor.
      4. Motion Made by DJ Wroblewski and 2nd by Donna to have council donate $4500 (minus any donations). Motion Passed
   2. Discussed the endowment from Unity Foundation.
      1. 16 year endowment that started with $5000.
      2. Currently has $62,000
      3. Discussed drawing any of the interest for any upcoming projects.
      4. Motion by DJ Wroblewski and 2nd by Krissy Surma to keep money as is, let it roll over. Motion Passed.
10. Bylaws Committee:- no report
11. Program Committee- no report
12. Livestock committee- no report
13. Old business:
    1. Clover Crop – had a new venue this year at community building. Highest enrollment since COVID at around 96 people. Had lots of great donations. A total net revenue still not calculated yet.
    2. Still need 1 more youth member;
       1. DJ Wroblewski nominated his son Ryder Wroblewski

2nd by Rebecca Toholski. Passed

1. New Business:
   1. Small Project Renovations (already mentioned above)
2. Public Comments and Donation Requests:
   1. Debbie Sajdera came to represent her Horse Judging (Apology) Team
   2. Has 6 kids on team, only 3 can attend
   3. Requested entrance fee of $15 per child and hotel stay.
   4. Motion by Nancy Williamson and 2nd by Krissy Surma to donate $250. Passed
3. Thank you Card from the Horse and Pony Judging Team for monies donated.
4. Educator Report:
   1. Workshop-a-thon- only have 7 participants. Need as many as we can get. Pleaded for more participants. It is April 27, 2024 at South Central school.
   2. Enrollment almost at 1000 kids
   3. Robotics club has been doing well. Has brought in new 4hers.
   4. Punch cards are being used
   5. May 15th- deadline for Animals.
   6. Fair-entry opens May 16- June 14 4pm
   7. Promote the Spring Break 4h camps
   8. Jr Leaders has about 7 members now

Meeting adjourned by motion by Rebecca Tuholski and 2nd by Sasha Gee- Burns.

Future Meetings:

April- Committee meetings

Next meeting May 9, 2024 at 6:30pm