LaPorte County 4-H Youth Development Advisory Council
February 10, 2022 @ 6:30p.m.

Call to order, President, Andrea Mitzner at 6:34pm.
Introduction of a new Youth Educator, Kelsey Gardarama was made. Kelsey told us about herself and that she would be split between La Porte and Marshall Counties. She also stated that she was working with Joan Grott from Porter on 4-H camp.
Present were Cindy Ault, Katrina Bohlin, Mike Ekovich, Pat Ford, Ruth Lile, June Lenig, Donna Matuszak, Nichole Matuszak-Chalik, Andrea Mitzner, Hallie Petrie, Joe Rudolph, Alex Smith, Jeremy Smith, Robert Smith, Nancy Williamson, Bob Wiltfong, Jill Wozniak and Julie Phillips. Also present were educator, Kelsey Gardarama, secretary, Kelly Wozniak

Officer Reports

- Motion made by Mike Ekovich to approve the January 2022 minutes, 2nd by Joe Rudolph and passed.
- Treasurer's Report – Balance as of 2/7/22 of $33,585.37. 2021 year end summary was presented. The bank is still cashing premium checks. Jeremy questioned if premiums were still needed. Andrea pointed out that $9000 was appropriated from the county. Julie stated that a voucher had to be sent for that money. It is a line item on the commissioners' budget.
    - Jeremy moved to table the budget until next meeting since it was not ready, 2nd by Mike Ekovich, motion passed.

Committee and Group Reports

- Livestock- Beef tagging day Feb. 26. Poultry (Julie) workshop Feb. 17 @ 6pm In the Community Building. Turkey orders were due yesterday- to Jackie Thompson. Call her if not done ASAP. Roaster/broilers orders due by March 1, Turkey pickup is March 2 @ Tractor Supply. Swine (Andrea)- Call Shireman to schedule vaccination/tagging. Goat (Donna) tagging May 7.
- By-Laws | Livestock Committee Guidelines- Updated bylaws should be sent to everyone.
- Fundraising- Ruth reporte on progress for the Clover Crop. Offers of donations were made by council members.
- Awards – Jill reported that letters will be sent in April. Due to changes in awards there are 40 less awards in the static projects. Previous sponsors for eliminated awards will receive a letter asking to redirect their support to other areas needed. Llama project is new and will need sponsors. Swine Committee is taking over their awards.

Old Business

- 4-H Council Elections is still in a holding pattern waiting on the Strategic path forward committee. Purdue Extension and County Government is meeting 4 times to determine direction. We still need information from 3 clubs for the financial review.
- YQCA Vouchers Update. Jeremy made a motion to make the form live to use up last year's vouchers, 2nd by Jill, motion passed. We will not buy more until we have a budget. Rabbit will have an in person YQCA April 13. There are in person dates at LaVille on March 29 & 31.
- PCARET Dues 2022
- Cindy Ault made a motion to let the Endowment Fund ride as is, 2nd by Ruth Lile. Motion passed.

- Fair display committee reported that many cabinets need repair or replaced. Project leaders need to have input as to what may be needed. Joe Rudolph will head this committte which will include Jeremy, Hallie, Cindy, Robert and George Fultz.
- PCARET dues for 2022 will be discussed later after budget.

New Business

- Other

Educator's Comments

- Scholarships – 7 Senior Scholarships | 1 Premier Leadership | 1 Healthy Living | 1 Small & Companion Animal
- Enrollment This Year:
    - Youth: 744 enrolled, 78 pending, **total 822**
    - Adults: 170 approved, 11 pending, **total 181**

Kelly informed the group that newsletters will be published again. Please send her any information to include.

Ruth asked why the Project Leaders names and contact was not included in the program books anymore. Kelsey stated this is a Purdue guideline to protect our privacy. Ruth suggested that we send a form to volunteers for permission to release our contact information so that kids with questions do not have to wait for office hours when they are working on projects.

Shelby Fultz made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Bob Wiltfong

Future Meetings (2nd Thursday of Month at 6:30p.m.)

- March 10
- April 14
- May 12