

Meeting called to order by Angie Smith, President.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary's Report**

Secretary's report read. Moved by Terri Barnhart and 2nd by Barb Penrod to approve minutes. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Patti Kitch, Treasurer, went over the financial report. Jennings found another company to insure the officers. Terri Barnhart moved, and Regina Jones 2nd to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Junior Leaders:**

The Jr. Leaders still have not met due to illnesses. Terri Barnhart discussed taking the Junior Leaders to Cultivate in South Bend. Transportation is still a question. Angie and Jayne will look into the logistics of using a mini-bus owned by a friend.

- **Fair Board:**

The 1st inaugural Blue Jean Ball is March 1st. Big fundraiser for fairboard. Selling tickets for \$100 and may buy a table for \$800. Adam Souder has 8-9 tables sold and would like to have 15 tables in total sold by this Sunday. There will be a live auction, silent auctions, and possible tip boards. Dinner and drinks are included. Auctioning off naming rights for barns and streets on the grounds.

- **Livestock-**

Beef & Dairy Tag-in April 19; Super tag-in May 10

- **Trophy Committee:**

The Trophy committee met at 6pm with Jeremy from 1st Place Trophy.

Jeremy brought several different styles of trophies and plaques for the committee to preview. He also had different catalogs for us to look at to get ideas. Patti reminded the committee of the prices for the budget. \$25 for Grand Champion and \$20 for Reserve champion. Trophies need to be the same for all - exhibit building projects, dogs, cats, Horse & Pony and rabbits.

Went over budget last year. H&P wants 3 different sizes - Grand, Reserve and first place.

Committee decided on one column green with a star on top for the trophy, crystal star for star achievers and a wooden plaque for the 10 year members. See pictures below. Livestock will continue with banners. Barb showed the committee two versions of banners presented to her. One had a purple background and the other had a green background. Committee liked the green background, but with white clover, and layout of the purple banner.



Old Business:

- **4-H in the classroom:**

The targeted grades are 1st and 2nd. Argos is on board with two classes. Plymouth has opted out for this year. Angie is meeting with Laville schools to explain the program in more detail. Need to get enrollment sheets from Lindsay.

- **Trophy Sponsor letters**

Patti said she would help with the letters, but will not be going after superintendents to get trophy sponsors and not dealing with them if the trophies are incorrect.

- **Exhibit Guide**

Exhibit Guide is done. Every member will get a copy of the Exhibit Guide in their folders. Question was asked about who was paying for the guide books.

We will be getting the poster boards from Robin Nest. They will be the correct size. The poster boards and sleeves will be available at the extension office. The price for a board and sleeve will be \$6.00. Poster Boards for the mini 4-Hers will also be at the EO.

- **Scholarship Applications**

We have close to a dozen applicants for Senior Scholarships. Patti would like to give another \$1000 towards the scholarship fund. Abby moved to send another \$1000 to cover all the applicants. It was 2nd by Barb Penrod. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Cultivate**

Cultivate Food Rescue is interested in being a turn buyer for swine, beef, dairy beef, and possibly goats & sheep. Unfortunately, no rabbits or poultry. Patti has set up a meeting with the auction committee to meet with them on February 19th at 7pm at the GOW.

- **Indiana Quality Livestock**

Bourbon has one scheduled for March

Walnut twp has one scheduled for April 15th at 6pm at Church

Brianne Slonaker will be teaching YQCA classes at the EO -TBA

- **Camp Counselor Applications**

Angie and Jane are working on them.

- **Scheduled Workshops**

Every Saturday until the end of March

- **Tag-in paperwork**

Would like letters/information to go out to 4-Hers by March 1st for Beef & Dairy tag-in

Would like letters/information to go out to 4-Hers by April 1st for Super tag-in.

- **Flower forms**

Townships need to email Lindsay when forms are needed. May need to come into the Extension Office to pick up forms and folders. Lindsay did not have them ready to go.

Every member in each club will get one flyer, one order form and one grand total form. Please pick up more forms if you need them. Turn in orders by April 15th.

- **Open or closed Judging**

A discussion was held on continuing with open judging or going back to closed judging. Angie explained reasons for going back to closed judging.

- Get back to perspective that it is about the 4-Her and their project
- Judges are scarce
- Don't have access to judges names and information
- Several counties are vying for the same judges
- Very little written on comment sheets, 4-Hers don't remember what the judge told them about their project - especially the younger 4-Hers
- Judges are disrespected
- Time constraints

We also discussed leaving trophies in the building. Still announce winners during opening ceremonies. Keeping a master list of who won what trophies.

Explain what the tags and ribbons mean to each township.

Records to be kept on fairgrounds until end of fair.

Barb Penrod moved to close judging and was 2nd by Terry Barnhart. Motion carried with one opposed vote.

Office Comments

- **Question**

Jayne received invitations from Culver and LaVillle schools for Purdue Extension to participate in their STEM day. They would like us to have a hands-on activity for students to engage in participating. Jayne didn't think she had a date and time available, so she was asking Council if they would be interested. Culver is on Saturday, Feb. 22nd (8:30 -4:30) and LaVillle is Thursday, March 20th in the evening. Nicole, Jeanie, and Regina said they would help, but not interested in developing the activity for Lavillle date.

- **Club audits**

All clubs are being audited this year as they have not been done in several years.

This will be by paper and in person. Clubs were given envelopes with instructions as to what needs to be completed and by when.

Public Comments

Teri Zechiel wanted to publicly acknowledge Travis Barnhart as this year's recipient of the Lily Foundations scholarship.

Adjournment:

Tonja Lemler moved, and Abby Ennis 2nd for adjournment. Motion carried.
Next meeting is March 4th at the Extension Office.