

Marshall County 4-H Council
Secretary's Report
March 1, 2023
Tonja Lemler, Council Secretary

Call to Order, 7:00 PM, Abby Ennis, Council President

OFFICER REPORTS

- Secretary's Report~Tonja Lemler
 - ~Motion to approve the Secretary's Report: Jeanie Stidams
 - ~Seconded by: Barb Penrod
 - Motion Passed
- Treasurer's Report~Patti Kitch, Council Treasurer
 - 1) We received our County Appropriation money of \$3,750.
 - 2) Patti was able to pay our liability insurance.
 - 3) Council will be reimbursing Michelle for the van that was rented for the 4-H at the Statehouse trip once Michelle gets that receipt to Patti.
 - 4) Patti checked on our bank resolution to see who has the authority to take and move money. At the moment it still has Terri Barnhart, Karmen Leeper, and Patti. This is probably from around 2018.
 - 5) Nicole Cox made a motion that we remove Karmen and Terri and change our bank resolution to be Abby, Patti, Tonja, and Barb Penrod since she is on the audit committee.
 - ~Theresa Kline Seconded
 - ~Motion Passed
 - ~Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Teri Zechiel
 - ~Seconded by: Mindi Williams
 - Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS-NONE

COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

- Junior Leaders, Sarah Leeper, Junior Leader Assistant
 - 1) Met on February 16 and made Tie Blankets that they donated to Marshall County Neighborhood Center
 - 2) Their next meeting will be sometime in March.
- Fair Board, Angel Balsley, Fairboard President
 - 1) Had a meeting Monday, February 28th.
 - 2) They are close to having the Fair Schedule brochures done. Once done, it will get sent to Bowen for printing. Fairboard is going to send copies to their sponsors for proofing. These should be ready in April.
 - 3) The Paddle Auction was a great success! They are planning to have another Paddle Auction on October 28th.

- 4) They plan to do a Corn Booth again so they will need the townships to sign up to work it.
 - 5) Townships will be asked to turn in a Silent Auction basket again during the fair.
- Exhibit Building Superintendents
 - 1) The Superintendent group of Terri Barnhart, Teri Zechiel, and Tonja Lemler have been working on finding judges for this year. Their list is almost complete and contains some new judges.
 - 2) They have also been talking about what improvements need to be made within the building itself.
 - 3) It is up to the Livestock Superintendents to find their own judges. A few of them still need to turn in their lists. Barb, our Livestock Liaison, is going to follow up with the Superintendents. They will need to get these turned into Lindsay.
 - 4) There is a new screening process of a Judge's Portal that all judges will need to go through.

OLD BUSINESS

- March 11th Tag-In (cold tag) 8-11am
 - 1) Fairboard Breakfast Fundraiser- food choices of Cinnamon rolls or Biscuits and Gravy; beverage choices will be coffee, cocoa, water.
 - 2) It was asked if Michelle will be able to be at the Fairgrounds by 7:15AM and bring with her the wand, scanners, tags, extra paperwork, and a couple of computers. (It was added that they may need to charge before taking them to the fairgrounds) We offered that Tami Langfeldt would gladly come into the office and help her gather the needed supplies.
 - 3) Geri, Terri, Tami, Jody and more will be there to help.
- Flowers-Orders
 - 1) Due April 21st to the office.
 - 2) Emailing Lindsay your club totals is highly suggested.
- Super Tag-In paperwork
 - 1) Should be ready late March/Early April
 - 2) Will be sent out by April 1st.
 - 3) Super Tag is Saturday, May 6, 2023

New Business

- New Record Sheets
 - 1) Livestock Record Sheets: there is no place for Financial information. This was agreed to do on a trial basis for one year and revisit the record sheet next year.
 - 2) Exhibit Building projects have a new record sheet, too.

- Senior Yard Signs
 - 1) It was agreed that we would like to continue to do this for our 10 year members.
 - 2) The office will need to send out these forms soon. Abby mentioned that Lindsay should have these forms, as she has sent them in the past.

- Exhibit Guide Amendments
 - 1) Some pages needed a few slight changes due to changes that occurred after the Exhibit Guide was printed.
 - 2) There is no early release. This is the only livestock option. Release of all livestock will be ½ hour after the last event in the livestock arena and after the arena has been cleaned. Approximately 9pm on Friday 7/22/23.
 - 3) Release of 4-H Exhibit Building Projects will be Saturday 7/23 from 9AM-11AM.
 - ~Barb Penrod made a motion to accept the changes that Terri mentioned
 - ~Jody Vermillion Seconded
 - ~Motion Passed

- Other
 - 1) Blueberry Breakfast
 - ~Will need a Committee
 - ~Terri going to secure the hanger
 - ~In July the Blueberries will need to be washed and packed for the freezer.
 - ~Terri has secured the coolers needed.
 - 2) Blueberry Booth
 - ~Tracy Houin is needing to know if we would like to have a booth at the Blueberry Festival.
 - ~It was suggested that Purdue Extension have a booth. It would be great for boosting enrollment.
 - 3) Ambassador program
 - ~This needs to be revamped. A committee of Terri, Teri, Sarah, Helen, and Morry will be taking a look at this and reporting back at the next meeting.
 - 4) 10 Year Poster Boards(for display at the fair)
 - ~Lindsay has the information and forms for this. The forms will need mailed out soon.
 - 5) Leftover Scholarship money.
 - ~Michelle asked about \$500 she received at the office for some Scholarship money that has been rolling over and has timed out.
 - ~Morry made a motion to take that \$500 and bank it to apply to the Scholarship Fund next year.
 - ~Jody Seconded
 - ~Motion Passed
 - 6) Abby mentioned that the trip forms really need to be sent out in paper form as well as the email and many of them are due SOON.

- 7) Morry Riddle stated he wanted to get this across: the trend I am seeing, first with the auction and now with us stepping aside as leaders, is worrying. He expressed that he and his wife, Kim, who have been very active volunteers for a long time, and plan to continue to be, have been hurt by an email that was sent out to all of Center township and hurt by the treatment they have received by the Extension Office staff. Morry said they don't need an apology, they just don't want it to happen to anyone else.

EDUCATOR'S COMMENTS

- Indiana Quality Livestock update on dates
 - 1) 3/28/23 6:30 PM @ Triton High School Cafeteria
4/19/23 5:00 PM @ Purdue Extension Office Room 304
5/3/23 5:00 PM @ Purdue Extension Office Room 304
6/15/23 5:00 PM @ Gallery on West
 - 2) Subject to change.
 - 3) Michelle expressed her concern about teaching to such a large number of members at the Triton meeting, but after much discussion, many Council members volunteered to help and be there as support. This was an encouragement to Michelle to go ahead with the meeting as planned.
 - 4) Michael Skiles plans to hold one sometime in April at Culver.

- Enrollment this year: 4-H: 319
Mini: 99 Total: 418
Adults: 129
- Enrollment last year: 4-H: 399
Mini: 101 Total: 500
Adults: 131

- The plans on finding a poultry superintendent and livestock auction restructuring:
 - 1) I am not voting on a superintendent so my contribution will be making sure applications go out and spreading the word that there is an open position. Livestock auction restructuring (Have all members resigned?) This should be handled by the auction committee.
~The Auction Committee met at 6:00PM tonight before Council.
~They elected new Executive Board members
~Patti is only helping in an Interim position right now until they can get the financial issues cleared up.
~It was asked if the Poultry Superintendent applications would be able to go out by next week. Michelle agreed to have this done.

- These are some things I need from the volunteers:
 - 1) I need program volunteers to go into schools and programs for minis
~We are able to get into Washington Discovery.

~We will need to get a committee put together, supplies bought, and a project decided on ASAP.

~It was suggested having the Junior Leaders help out.

~Patti says there is enough money to purchase the needed supplies.

~Abby mentioned it was pretty late in the year, this year, to attempt to do this and highly suggested we get a committee together and this summer or early fall get together and work on revamping the entire program and have it ready to go by January 2024.

- 2) Volunteers who can spend a day at camp to assist with adult to youth ratios
- 3) Creating update 4-H binders for volunteers
- 4) Creating visually attractive fliers, etc..
- 5) Assist with sign in and writing receipts for livestock quality care program
~Many volunteers spoke up to help on 3-28 at the Triton meeting.
- 6) Club leaders
- 7) Project leaders (ie Grilling)
- 8) Welcoming in new volunteers by mentoring and support
- 9) Kids expos, STEAM expos, help during fair (people to be in exhibit building)
- 10) Help during awards (pictures, passing things out)
- 11) Voicing to the county we need a program assistant
~We discussed this at length!
~It was asked what would this person's role be? We were told this person would not be for just 4-H and this concerned a lot of Council members.
- 12) And advertising the 4-H program to people that are outside of your immediate circle
- 13) I also need assistance with youth being added to the Council and Board that are non familial to members of the board or council
- 14) Connections to community partners who are not on council or extension board(or related to council of board members) that may be able to participate on the program evaluation committee
~There was a lot of discussion on what all of this means and what Michelle really needs for this, as we would like to help, if we understood it more.

~Michelle needs a wide variety of non-4-H, non-profit, businesses and youth, to participate in an evaluation committee to do an assessment of our program.
~Several options were mentioned, including: Crossroads of Marshall County, Leadership of Marshall County, Marshall County Community Foundation, School Guidance Counselors, and Youth Leadership of Marshall County.
~Abby asked for more information of what she wants and needs so that we would be able to better fit her with who/what she needs. Michelle was unsure of what all it would entail.
~Council asked why there were no-4-H people on this committee. Several Council members expressed their concern over this.

- Things I am working on:
 - 1) Speaking with potential volunteers
 - 2) Trying to make new volunteers feel included and support them
 - 3) THRIVE training (which includes how to make 4-H programs, etc..inclusive, build relationships, and increase programing)
 - 4) Connecting potential members with program providers they are requesting (computer building with an educator who specializes in computer building)
 - 5) Working with camp (leaders, director, counselors) to provide camp in June
 - 6) Meeting with Ag teachers to provide livestock quality care programing
 - 7) Working to provide in person date for Volunteer training and county extension director items in the office to ensure support stagg and the office has what it needs to support 4-H Health and Human Sciences and Ag and Natural Resources

- Questions from Office:
 - 1) Is there a final fair schedule that we can see?
~(See under Fairboard on page 1)
 - 2) What support does the 4-H Council need from the office for flowers?
 - 3) Center Township will be turning flower money into the Extension Office, since there is currently no leader, Lindsay will tally and send to Patti for Center Township. Specifically. Does anyone have any ideas for Center Township leaders?

~The office has always handled the final flower totals/orders in the past. Patti helped last year because of the office situation. It was expressed that this process needs to go back to being handled by the office.

~Morry reassured everyone that he plans to continue to handle the flower orders and money for Center Township.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:49PM

Name	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Terri Barnhart-Bourbon	x	x	x									
Patti Kitch-Bourbon	x	x	x									
Jodie Vermillion-Bourbon	x	x	x									
Tami Langfeldt-Center												
Morry Riddle-Center	x	x	x									
Theresa Kline-German	x	x	x									
-German												
Abby Ennis-Green	x	x	x									
-Green												
Brooke Kitch-Jr. Leaders												
Travis Barnhart-Jr. Leaders												
Regina Jones-North		x	x									
-North												
Nicole Cox-Polk	x	x	x									
Jeanie Stidams-Polk		x	x									
Tonja Lemler-Tippecanoe	x	x	x									
Mindi Williams-Tippecanoe	x	x	x									

Barb Penrod-Union	x	x	x									
Michael Skiles-Union		x										
Dawn Middaugh-Walnut	x	x	x									
Helen Schmidt-Walnut	x	x	x									
Tracy Houin-West	x	x										
Teri Zechiel-West	x	x	x									
Extension Office Representative-Michelle Gordon-Releford	x	x	x									
Angel Balsley-Fairboard	x	x	x									

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
 Kate Hayden-West Township
 Sarah Leeper-Junior Leaders
 Amy Grove-Guest
 Connie Martin-Guest