

LaPorte County Youth Development Advisory Council

March 9th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Pres. Andrea Mitzner

Attending: LaCinda Browning, Taylor Emmons, Pat Ford, Lori Keller, Ruth Lile, Donna Matuszak, Andrea Mitzner, Joe Rudolph, Alex Smith, Krissy Surma, Brenda Tuholski, David Wroblewski.

Guests: Deb Fisher, Rebecca Tuholski.

The February meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Joe and 2nd by DJ.

Treasurer's report: The checkbook balance is \$38,645.92. The 2020 swine issue was resolved. The premium checks are still causing the checkbook to be unbalanced. A check for license plates was also received. The \$1,000 for Horse and Pony was paid out. There is \$35,282.00 left from the commissioners. Pat moved to approve and was 2nd by Joe.

The Audit Committee announced their plan to meet for April 3-6.

The Awards & Recognition Committee presented several ideas for the banners for clubs. Brenda revealed her banner idea would be \$20 per banner and they would be 2 ft by 3 ft, unhemmed. A hemmed version would be available for \$22. Andrea found a different banner producer, Scotty's Dynamic Design, that would make banners the size of 20 inches by 15 inches. There were two available prices for these banners, hemmed would be \$18 per banner and unhemmed would be \$10 per banner. It was mentioned that getting unhemmed banners was not recommended. There is also an available discount, but the amount discounted would be dependent on the quantity bought. April 15th would be the deadline to get these banners. It was also mentioned at the building superintendent meeting that having the banners would not be a problem.

The Booster and Alumni Committee presented that 86 participants had signed up to help the Clover Crop. There would also be 9 vendors present. 4-H members were also invited to come and see their garage sale table as there would be materials that may be helpful towards 4-Hers, like materials for scrapbooking. There was a paper available to sign up for the garage sale. This event would take place on March 11th from 9 am to 6 pm.

The Bylaws and Rules committee presented that the bylaws had been submitted.

The Dick reel Scholarship Committee presented more developments. The scholarship would be open to seniors and students attending further education. The amount would be \$1,000. The recipient must have been in the LaPorte County 4-H program for at least 5 years. The money would be able to be used for vocational training, technical training, or a trade school, also, therefore not limited to a college or university. The award winner will not be selected based off GPA or financial need, but community involvement and an essay explaining their community involvement. A cover sheet is still in the works, but they are hoping to have it done by April 1st. Their plan is to announce it on June 1st and the winner will be announced at the 10-year member ceremony.

The livestock committee announced a goats meeting for March 14th at 6:30 pm at the community building.

The Fair Board Meeting was mentioned. There will be a tractor pull for the kids and the curious kids' trail will be chosen within a barn. The goat tent is also making a return. There have been 7,000 tickets sold for the Lanie Wilson concert on the Wednesday during fair week. Jordon Davis is expected to sell out.

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Randy Pressel for the Pigeons Project Superintendent was approved. There are still a few project superintendent positions open. Lori volunteered to be the wildlife project superintendent.

The Livestock grooming rule was misprinted in the handbook and corrected in the newsletter sent out. The Indiana 4-H Grooming Association Program wants 4-Hers to groom the animals with no volunteer help. The rule will be out in mid-April(?). There will be a specific list that needs to be sent to the superintendent regarding who can groom the animals. There are even specifications saying which family members can help.

The motion to have The Farm Credit Stock the Trailer program during fair week was made by Joe, 2nd by DJ. However, the fair board still needs to approve it. The point of this program is to collect food donations that will go directly to local food pantries, and the food will not leave LaPorte County. There will be a \$250 donation just for participation. The winner will be given \$5,000, 2nd place would get \$2,000, and the 3rd place would receive \$2,000. A problem was mentioned with how the canned items will pass the security check. The fair board would also have to be the ones providing the trailer. Can be easily added to the building watch duties.

Kelsey reported enrollment numbers compared to last April, having roughly 100 more members signed up at this time compared to last year.

Andrea's club is donating all of the 6 flags needed for the fairgrounds.

Kelsey asked that clubs fill out the fundraising form when applicable.

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18, 2nd by Joe.