

## **St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association**

### **Leader's council meeting, January 17, 2017**

- Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Lori DeBoer
- **Treasurers Report** provided by Beth Sippl. Several trips were paid for (inaugural trip and international youth). Platbook sales generated \$510 in sales and \$165 in funds were collected from the foods day.
  - Checking Balance: \$102,050.73
  - Money Market Balance: \$40,499.69
  - Motion to accept : Jackie Kumm, Seconded by: Debbie Stevens
  - Approved, motioned carried
- **Introductions** were provided by all attending.

### **Fair Updates**

- Cindy Van Dyke from the fair board provided a handout in regards to how to use Blue Ribbon to enter your projects at the fair. The hand out provided a step by step process to enter your projects. She wants to make sure that all 4-H families receive this information.
  - Important: After May 31<sup>st</sup> there will be no exhibit changes. So it is imperative that all club members know to enter prior to this date or they cannot exhibit at the fair.
  - Animal changes can be made until July 1, 2017 DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES only. First call your club leader or the head of the species to notify of animal health issues and change of exhibit.
- Cindy Van Dyke also updated us on a rule for the Wisconsin Fair rules. The fairboard receives 58% of our premium funding from the State and one of the requirements to receive this payment is that the exhibits must be present during the dates of our fair or represented via a display with the blue ribbon winners. This is a conflict for the recent decision for music and performing arts. The Fair board did not approve of having this separate from the fair at their most recent fairboard meeting. Other projects discussed of concern included small animals (cats), archery and shooting sports, demonstrations, food projects. We can meet expectations if we display photos of the blue ribbon winners at the fair.

### **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Ellen Lundquist was received for receiving a county scholarship.
- Tyler Franklin from the Bellringers 4-H Club was in attendance. He attended the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta in November this last year. He truly enjoyed his trip and provided us details about his experience. He experienced a day of service at an elementary school and provided education about cotton crops in Georgia.

### **Discussion Corner**

- Heather Vierling updated us on changing the format of Leader's Council Meetings and how to create a more engaging environment as well as providing training. Due to the weather, the 10 minute topic that Heather prepared will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **Committee liaison reports:**

- Food Stand Committee: Written report provided at meeting. Was discussion about requiring all clubs to participate due to funding being utilized for any county member's trips, scholarships, etc.? There is also a shortage of help at the booth.
- Ambassador Report: Provided details about upcoming activities they are taking part in including team building, Hudson Hot Air Affair, and Feed my starving Children
- Mini Talent Explosion meeting coming up this week 1.19.17 as well as the Clover College planning meeting to be held the same day
- Wisconsin Tour: Includes Touring the Packer Stadium in Green Bay, and going to a Golden Corral. Planning as started for this trip in August. Limiting it to 34 kids this year. August 1-3 are the dates for this event. March 21<sup>st</sup> is the next committee meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Platbooks were discussed by Jackie Kumm. Each club is responsible to send one person to this meeting on Thursday, February 9, 6:30 PM at the Baldwin AG Center. Club leaders will be contacted by Jackie to provide the name of the person that is representing their club for this project.
- Mini-Talent Explosion: See above
- Foods Revue/Cake Decorating/Clothing Revue: Saturday June 10. Clothing Revue is in the afternoon, the other events are in the morning.
- Any other old business:
  - February 4<sup>th</sup> is 4-H Hang Time is for older members at the Roberts Park Building from 7PM until 11 PM. All are welcome to attend.

### **New business:**

- No grants were presented.
- Saturday, February 25 at the Glenwood City High school is Clover College. The fee will be \$10/student. Each child needs to bring their own lunch.
- St. Croix County 4-H Marketing Materials. Part of the spend-down plan. Brochures are being created. Heather is asking that we look at the brochures and make sure we like it. They are also looking at obtaining pull up banners.
  - A motion was presented to have the brochure printed and paid for by the executive board. Beth Sippl made a motion to approve. Janet F. Seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- Saturday, January 21 from 10:00-1:00 at Family Fresh in Hudson is a 4-H Display to promote 4-H as part of the Hot Air Affair. Stop by!
- Hot Air Affair asked us to bring back the veggie race. Jackie is looking for another 4-5 Teenagers to assist. Time is from 1-3 PM at EP Rock Elementary in Hudson. This is on February 4, 2017.
- Ambassadors may call you as a leader to ask and come to your club. Please be aware they may be reaching out to do promotion activities with existing members.
- Heather is looking for a 4-H Summer Assistant College age and older (18+). Deadline for application is March 17.

- Heather is also looking for camp counselors at overnight camp at Marine on the St. Croix.
  - Second round of MEs for Madison Youth Trip coming up. Try to encourage more participants we have only
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beth Sippl. Janet F. seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned.