

**LAGRANGE COUNTY 4-H CLUB ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by President Ken Martin with twenty-three directors, and one caretaker present.

After allowing time to read the minutes Mark made a motion to accept the November minutes. Tracy seconded the motion and it passed.

Lydia presented the following treasurer's report:

November income	\$ 14,773.43
November expense	3,984.53
General fund	103,098.82
Capital fund	1,646.33
Campground fund	28,766.67
Memorial fund	6,819.74

Tracy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Travis seconded the motion and it passed.

Due to John having surgery Tammy presented the 4-H report. An enrollment open house will be held December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the community building.

Ken reported on the national convention. We hope to still get two sideshows and stay within our budget. Shows pending due to routing restrictions are Stingray Encounter and Butterfly Encounter.

We have an opportunity to sign a Christian group for a Sunday evening concert. This is not in the budget and would be around \$45,000.00 for an artist and production costs. If we could sell out income would be around \$75,000.00 plus parking and food revenue. Jim Young is willing to work with us on possible funding like last year. Lydia made a motion that we schedule a Christian concert for Sunday evening. Mark seconded the motion and it passed. Some artists mentioned were Newsboys, Jeremy Camp, Casting Crowns, Francesca Ballestani, and Matthew West.

Ken had a meeting with E-Tix to discuss last year and start communication for 2017 fair.

State convention will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn is taking care of the arrangements.

Tammy handed out an updated director list. Any changes or corrections please contact Tammy.

Mike reported that the sponsor drive is on. 90% to 95% of last year's sponsors have been contacted. Response is good with some new interest coming in.

At this time the proposed dog building was open for questions, answers, and discussion. No plans were available for preview due to last minute notification to the person in charge of them. Josh Pettit fielding the questions best as possible. He stated they were trying to do this without putting a burden on the association for any cost. They discussed ways to cut cost on most everything except insurance. One way was to utilize solar power. Question asked do they have a detailed building cost? Answer not yet. Do they have a detailed financing report? Answer not yet. It was stated that grant money is not automatically available each year. Question asked could size be adjusted? Answer agility track determines size based more on square footage so should be able to be adjusted. Question asked could building be rented or used by other than dog club? Answer from the end of February thru fair dog club would be using every week and they do not want to take down and reset their equipment every time. They would only be using the building two days during fair. Question asked what about parking. Answer there are regulations for parking relating to square footage of building. Concern was stated over issue of building being able to pay for itself. There was a cost discussion of installing and maintaining solar panels. Concern was stated about hurting our sponsor money if dog club asks for donations and something this costly was done while only using for two days of fair week. Tracy made a motion the project be tabled until we can view full detailed plans and have all questions answered. Sam seconded the motion and it passed. Suggestion was could a building in the county possibly be rented or leased for dog club usage more economically than putting up a building. Discussion was held on how 4-H clubs seem to cycle in numbers through the years.

Meeting was adjourned.