

- 1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Chantel Poisel
- 2.) Pledges: The American Pledge and the 4-H Pledge were recited.
- 3.) Officer Reports:
 - A.) Minutes of the November meeting were presented. It was noted that a correction of the spelling of Terri Barnhart's name in a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was needed. Morrie Riddle made a motion to accept the report with the name correction. Kendall Koontz seconded. Motion carried.
 - B.) Treasurer's Report: The December report was presented for review. Checking balance was \$45,340.17. Savings balance was \$1,934.75. Teri Zechiel made a motion to accept the report and Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.
- 4.) Committee and Group Reports:
 - A.) Jr. Leaders: Tonja Lemler reported on behalf of the Jr. Leaders. They met Dec. 6 at the Extension Office and wrapped gifts for the Neighborhood Center. Next Meeting will be Jan. 11.
 - B.) Fair Board: Rob Hurford reported that there would be no Fair Board meeting in December. He also reported that Blake Lemler is the new Bourbon Twp. Fair Board rep.
 - C.) Fundraising Committee: There will be a committee meeting after tonight's Council meeting.
- 5.) Old Business:
 - A. 4-H Enrollment: There are 118 youth enrolled, with 37 pending. There are 56 active adults enrolled, with 32 pending. The total number enrolled is 155. That number is 50 more than last year at this time.
 - B. It was also announced that there was an announcement made by email that was somewhat confusing. All enrollments of previously enrolled 4-H'ers need to be completed by January 15. Drop and Add deadlines continue to be May 15 for all project enrollments.
- 6.) New Business:
 - A. Committee Sign Ups: Sheets were passed around for new committee sign ups.
 - B. Awards Committee: Need to set a date for the Trophy Committee at the January meeting.
 - C. Regina Jones brought up the idea of having a 4-H float in the local parades. No decision was made concerning this idea.
- 7.) Educator's Comments:
 - A.) Indiana Dunes Day will be held Jan. 13 from 12-4 p.m.. Kelsey would be willing to take 4. It is open free to families if you would like to attend.
 - B.) Going Beyond the Gingerbread House will be held Dec. 16 at Purdue for girls. We may look at trying to get participants for this activity in the future.
 - C.) Leader training will be held at the January Council meeting. We will take 10 minutes for certification for all that need to be recertified at 7:30 p.m..
 - D.) Angie is still missing township and committee lists. She would like to have these to be able to promote dates and times of meetings for the townships.
 - E.) Welding project is in the exhibit guide and ready to go as a project this year.
 - F.) Kelsey announced that there are some changes to the PQA for livestock. Purdue is recommending that the rules be changed to YQCA. (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

This certification would cost \$12 online, \$3 for face to face training. There would be one training for all species and all species except companion animals would need to participate in the training. Discussion followed about this issue. Steve Schweisberger said he would check with Tyson to see if this is a replacement for the Swine PQA. Karen Richey highly recommends that Aaron Fisher call Purdue and verify with Tyson so all counties will be required to have the same guidelines with Tyson. After discussion, it was decided that Steve will call the buyer directly and get state regulations from Purdue. There was also discussion that this year, this may be advertised as a requirement for State Fair participation, with the decision for County participation to wait until next year. The question was raised, "Can we buy a site license or pay a fee to educate all County 4-H'ers so that there is no individual cost?" Chantel Poisel pointed out that we did previously discuss having one required safety meeting for all livestock members, but we were told that we couldn't require it. This new rule could be beneficial for guidance to the newer members. Could also be a good opportunity to share new information with all members. If we adopt this, would it be possible to find sponsorship? There was concern that we may lose members due to the extra cost.

Discussion of the issue led to the suggestion that we not put out the 2018 Exhibit Guide until this issue is decided following the January Council meeting.

Rob Hurford made a motion that based on the need to publish the Exhibit Guide now, we not implement the YQCA rule this year for County and only implement it for State Fair participation. Barb Penrod seconded. Motion was voted down.

Betty Hostetler motioned to hold publishing the 2018 Exhibit Guide until after the January meeting. Motion carried.

It was concluded that Kelsey and Steve Schweisberger will gather information for the January Council meeting. In the meantime, Kelsey will send out the new guidelines for the Welding project.

- G.) It was announced that Ryan Kiefer donated the remainder of the Robotics project start up. There was a request for money to purchase pizza at the first meeting of the new project. Fliers will be sent out to the schools about the new program. This will start with an after-school program with Webster Elementary as a Spark Club.
 - H.) By-laws are available to read and look over for discussion and vote at the January meeting.
 - I.) Kendall Koontz spoke with someone about old 4-H Ribbons. Discussion led to taking the ribbons to the Historical Society in hopes to maybe get a 4-H display at the Museum.
- 8.) Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, President Chantel Poisel adjourned the meeting.