

- 1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Morry Riddle.
- 2.) Pledges: The American and 4-H Pledge were recited.
- 3.) Guest Speaker was Julie from Savory Foods. She shared about an opportunity to raise money by selling cookie dough, either as a council or as various clubs. Packets of information were available for each township to take if they chose.
- 4.) Committee and Group Reports
  - A.) Junior Leaders: Macy Lemler reported that the Christmas Party was held at the Extension Office on Dec. 6. Members wrapped Christmas presents. They also met on January 11<sup>th</sup> and made valentines for the nursing home. The Jr. Leaders are also hosting 2 mini mentor workshops on Feb. 7 and April 11 at 6:00 p.m.. The workshop will give mini 4-H'ers the chance to meet 4-H mentors who can provide help for their first years in 4-H. The Jr. Leaders will also meet on Feb. 7, following the mini workshop.
  - B.) Fair Board: The Fair Board voted to approve County Agreements to reallocate Fair Ground Improvement monies to the new building fund. They are working on options for this year's rodeo and checking into options for WiFi at the fairgrounds during Fair.
- 5.) Old Business:
  - A.) By Laws: Purdue has requested that livestock members in Beef, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Rabbits, Poultry and Swine complete the training. This has been requested of all members state-wide. There are 4 opportunities planned to take the class, which costs \$3. The dates are Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, and May 7, all at 6:30 p.m. in the County Building. We have 50 coupons from the State to be used as necessary to cover hardship costs. PQA certifications that are still current will be grandfathered while the certificate is current. The new YQCA certifications will be valid for one year. There are 303 members currently enrolled in at least one livestock project.
  - B.) YQCA: Purdue has requested that livestock members in Beef, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Rabbits, Poultry and Swine complete the training. This has been requested of all members state-wide. There are 4 opportunities planned to take the class, which costs \$3. The dates are Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, and May 7, all at 6:30 p.m. in the County Building. PQA certifications that are still current will be grandfathered while the certificate is current. The new YQCA certifications will be valid for one year. There are 303 members currently enrolled in at least one livestock project. Kelsey reminded the Council that there is a \$2,000 grant from Ceres Solutions that we may use towards costs of requiring this, but discussion led to not using funds to set a precedence for following years. Chantel Poisel moved, and Teri Zechiel seconded, to use the 50 free state coupons for those who had financial hardship.
  - C.) Fish Fry: Angie Smith proposed the committee meet and discuss options for the future.
  - D.) United Way Grant: Angie Smith, Wendy Watkins and Chantel Poisel met and filed the United Way grant. There was \$6,700 requested. Angie has also met with the board members and we are currently awaiting their decision for allocation.

6.) New Business:

- A.) Committee Sign Up: Members who have not signed up were reminded to do so.
- B.) Awards Committee Meeting: Meet following the meeting to set a date for the trophy selection.
- C.) Kid's Expo: Will be held April 17, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at PHS. Previously many kids attended. Morry asked for volunteers to help with this. There was no internet access last year, so access was requested this year to be able to sign 4-H'ers up at the Expo.
- D.) Flower Sales: Flowers are ordered and brochures are updated and at the printers. They will be available for the townships soon.
- E.) Cancellation Policy: Based on the January weather this year, it has become necessary to implement a cancellation policy for all 4-H activities and meetings. Rob Hurford motioned that for kids' activities, if school cancels activities, 4-H activities will also be cancelled. Adult meeting policy will be based on County travel recommendations. Chantel Poisel seconded. Motion Carried. This information will be shared in the Clover Chatter and in the Exhibit Guide.
- F.) April Meeting: This meeting falls during Spring Break. There was discussion on cancelling or postponing due to this conflict. Rob Hurford motioned to cancel, with Chantel Poisel seconding motion. Motion carried.

7.) Educator's Comments

- A.) 4-H Enrollment: There are 682 Youth enrolled, with 619 paid and active. That is up by nearly 100 from last year. There are 167 Adults enrolled, with 80 needing to complete the Volunteer Training.
- B.) Tags: There was discussion about how to pay for Livestock Tags this year. Previously Auction Committee has covered the cost, but have decided to no cover this cost. Total cost of the order is \$1,334.00. Following discussion, Rob Hurford motioned that Council cover the costs upfront this year and get reimbursed from the livestock or auction committee this year. Chanel Poisel seconded. Discussion also included in the future, make arrangements for livestock superintendents to cover the costs prior to ordering so Council is not involved in payment.
- C.) Audit Date: No date has been set. Center, North, Union, Jr. Leaders, Dog, Green and Pygmy Goats are to be audited this year.
- D.) Project Check-In Schedule: Kelsey proposed a new schedule for check-in and judging of exhibit building projects. There was discussion on the proposal, with discussion of changing judging to evenings to accommodate parent's work schedules. Others felt this might interfere with evening sports and might actually diminish the number of youth able to be present at judging. Rob Hurford motioned to keep judging schedules the same for this year, with Chantel Poisel seconding the motion. Motion carried. A committee was formed to review other details of the check in and judging. Those volunteering were: Chantel Poisel, Teri Barnhart, Rob Hurford, Dawn Middaugh, Tonja Lemler, and Karmen Leeper.
- E.) Safety and Abuse Training: Reminded to complete.
- F.) Hydraulics: There is a workshop at Purdue to be held Feb. 24. Cost for participation is \$20 a team. Contact Kelsey if you have anyone interested in forming a team.

- G.) Meeting Information Sharing: Please share dates/locations with Kelsey so she can share info with people. Many people come into the office to learn about club info and she has nothing to share with them. Communication is key to help our office/townships work together.
  - H.) Other Business: Angie shared that there was a family who requested \$30 in hardship money to cover enrollments. Teresa Barnhart motioned that we cover this cost from the hardship fund and Teri Zechiel seconded. Motion carried.
- 8.) Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, President Morry Riddle adjourned the meeting.