

- 1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Morry Riddle.
- 2.) Pledges: The American and 4-H Pledges were recited.
- 3.) Officer Reports:
  - A. The minutes of the February meeting were presented by Karmen Leeper, Secretary. Chantel Poisel moved to approve the minutes. Eldon Amor seconded the motion and motion carried.
  - B. The treasurer's report was presented as prepared by Melinda Hawkins, treasurer. Teri Barnhart moved to approved the report. Chantel Poisel seconded the motion and motion carried.

#### 4. Committee and Group Reports

- A. Junior Leaders: Trenton Barnhart reported that Jr. Leaders were busy with a Mini 4-H Project night on February 7. They are also working on fundraising and their t-shirts. The next meeting will be Mar. 21 at the Catherine Casper Home to spend time with the residents.
- B. Fair Board: In Rob Hurford's absence, Morry Riddle reported that there will be a Rodeo again this year, the Fair Board is looking to hire an intern, they are investigating Wi-Fi options for the Fairgrounds and they have again applied for the grant for a new exhibit building.
- C. Other, Chantel Poisel: Chantel reported that there is a Green Township 10-year member who has recently lost her father. Their club is looking to do a fundraiser, although there is nothing specific in the plans. The Council was asked to keep them in their prayers.

#### 5. YQCA: Livestock Recommendation

When the rule was presented to the Livestock Committee as voted on by the Council in February, the Livestock Committee recommended that the Council change the rule to include all animal species (companion animals), not limiting it to those who were included in the sale animals. Because this required a motion to reopen the recommendation of the Council, Betty Hostetler motioned to reopen the discussion of the rule. Tonja Lemler seconded this. Discussion followed. Chantel Poisel moved to accept the recommendation of the Livestock Committee to include all species of animals be required to complete YQCA Training to be allowed to show at fair. Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried. Kelsey has volunteered to do extra trainings and has also said that 4-H'ers may attend other counties' trainings if they are unable to attend Marshall County meetings. Attendance will be tracked in 4-H Online, so there will be record of attendance, regardless of place attended.

The Livestock Committee further recommended that July 2 be the completion deadline. Kelsey Saderja said that she would send post cards and make phone calls as the deadline drew near. Animals of 4-H'ers who have not completed the training would not be allowed to be unloaded on the fairgrounds. Chantel Poisel moved to accept this recommendation. Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.

## 6. Old Business

- A. Committee Sign Up: Sign- up sheets were again passed around.
- B. Awards Committee Meeting: Need to set a date for trophy presentation. Members of this committee were asked to meet briefly after the meeting to set a date.
- C. Kid's Expo: Date is April 19 from 5-7:30. Paperwork to secure a spot has been sent. Volunteers from the Council are needed to help staff this event. Kelsey will be gone to a Spring Conference and will not be available to man the booth.
- D. Flower Sales: May 4 is the deadline for turning in orders. Delivery will be May 9, 10, 11, with delivery days being the same as in the past. It was requested that money be turned in to the township leaders, not the extension office, as this has caused accounting problems in the past.
- E. Cancellation Policy: Kelsey stated that it has been helpful and appreciated with the weather that we have been experiencing.

## 7. New Business

- A. Scholarship Winners: There were 13 4-H'ers who applied. 5 were awarded a \$500 scholarship. There was also someone awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Indiana Department of Agriculture.
- B. Fish Fry Tickets: It has not been decided whether the Council will continue to have the Fish Fry. There is a need to have a meeting, but no date was set.
- C. Trips and Camp: Camp Counselors have been notified whether they were selected or not. There were many applicants to be counselors, with the majority being 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Because of the low availability of spots for these 4-H'ers to fill, many were turned away, unfortunately.
- D. Super Tag Day: Tentatively set for May 5.
- E. Fan Donation: There was a request of funds to help cover the cost of a large fan for the arena. The fan would sit in the rafters and would help cool the show arena, as well as the audience areas. This fan was chosen because it would not alarm the animals. The discussion was whether there was money in budget? Item was tabled for now, with the Council asking for Sarah Schultz to come to the May meeting to share the plans with us.

## 8. Educator's Comments

- A. Enrollment: There are currently 665 youth enrolled, with 29 pending. There are 192 adults currently active, with 68 pending.
- B. Beef and Dairy Tag: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, steers need to be ID'ed by April 2 on 4-H Online.
- C. YQCA Training: The next will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at Washington Discovery Center with Center and Green Townships. Sign-ups in 4-H Online. If there is a club or township that wants to have their own training, contact Kelsey for a date.
- D. Card Making: The Spark Club will meet sometime over Spring Break at the Plymouth Library to again make cards.
- E. Meeting Information Sharing: Kelsey asked again that we share dates of meetings so that the office is informed of events happening in case someone contacts them for information.

- F. Teens as Teachers: Council was asked to help with the cost of training a team in Healthy Living. Teri Zechiel moved to approve this, with the stipulation that the team then do a demo at the fair or club meetings. Karmen Leeper seconded. Motion carried.
  - G. New Policy concerning Office Receiving payments: Purdue has notified the office that they are no longer able to handle Council or Fair Board monies that are turned in to the office. They need to be put into a lockbox that will hang on the wall. We need to purchase the lockbox. Teri Barnhart moved to direct Melinda to purchase this, with the budget being \$50. Chantel Poisel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Adjournment: Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karmen Leeper

Secretary