

1. Call to Order: President Terri Barnhart called the meeting to order.
2. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were recited.
3. Officer Reports
 - A. Karmen Leeper presented the minutes of the Sept. 6 Council meeting. Rob Hurford moved to accept the minutes as presented, Tonja Lemler seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: Patti Kitch presented the new and improved Treasurer's Report. She also included a very detailed Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Spending report over the past year. Betty Hostetler moved to accept the treasurer's report and Shelby Kiefer seconded. Motion carried.

Patti shared her concern about the large balance in the checking account and suggested moving much of the balance to another account for better safeguarding. Rob Hurford moved that \$40,000 be moved to savings at this time and Shelby Kiefer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also, the Council requested that Patti analyze other options for investment or use and report the findings at the November meeting.

Secondly, Patti suggested that we start a Monetary Retention program, which would plan ahead for where to put overages each year, as many other organizations do. This would give our organization a better plan for the future.

The Council thanks Patti for the many hours she spent sorting through the records and putting these reports together.
4. Committee and Group Reports
 - A. Junior Leaders: Karmen Leeper reported in Anna Leeper's absence that the Call Out meeting was well attended and Ag Day was successful. Many Jr. Leaders attended to assist. There will be a Pumpkin Painting party at the Centennial Park Horse Barn on Monday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 - B. Fair Board: Rob Hurford reported that Fair Board officers were re-elected to their positions, with no changes. Groundbreaking on the new Community Center will be after the first of the year. It is expected to take three months to complete the building. No fair date has been set yet because fair board is still working to get a carnival. Most will not commit without a \$50,000 guarantee. Starke County has dropped their carnival and is having an event each night instead.
5. Old Business
 - A. Nomination of Friend of 4-H: Teri Zechiel moved to nominate Big R for Friend of 4-H. Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. Friend of Extension: After discussion, Teri Zechiel amended her motion to nominate REMC for Friend of 4-H and nominated Big R for Friend of Extension. Patti Kitch seconded the motion and motion carried.
 - C. Elections: Still looking for a Vice President. Terri asked that anyone interested volunteer.
6. New Business
 - A. Township Lists will be put online, as before.
 - B. County Awards: Committee met prior to meeting to decide who would be receiving awards. Angie asked the Awards Committee to brainstorm other ideas than pins for awards to help energize the 4-H'ers to apply for the awards and perhaps save some money.
 - C. Enrollment is open as of October 1.

7. Educator's Comments

- A. Policy and Procedures Committee needs to set a date soon so that Exhibit Guide can be finalized before January 1. Kelsey will look at dates and send an email with possible meeting times.
- B. Audits: Jr. Green, Polk Horse and Pony, Triton Mini, Walnut Explorers, Fair Board and Pygmy Goat are the groups that will be audited this year. No date has been set for these reviews.
- C. New Camp: St. Joe, Elkhart and Marshall County Educators have decided to try a new camp for next year's 4-H Camp. Camp Amigo in Michigan has been chosen as the spot. Kelsey requested that all camp funds run through our Council account to collect funds and pay bills. After discussion of this, Karmen Leeper motioned that camp funds be run through the Marshall County 4-H Council account, with Shelby Keifer seconding.
- D. There will be Board and Committee training October 16 at Oregon-Davis High School at 7:00 EST.
- E. The 2018 Annual Extension Board Banquet will be held October 23 at Christo's Banquet Hall at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Extension Office.
- F. Kelsey presented new Livestock Committee Guidelines. These were discussed, with no adoption made. Kelsey will meet with Livestock Committee and Fair Board before final decisions are made by the Fair Board.

8. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karmen Leeper, Secretary