

1. Call to Order: President Terri Barnhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were recited.
3. Officer Reports
  - A. Karmen Leeper presented the minutes from the October 4, 2018 Council Meeting. Teri Zechiel moved to accept the minutes as presented. Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.
  - B. Terri Barnhart presented the Treasurer's Report in Patti Kitch's absence. Karmen Leeper moved to accept the report as presented. Jodi Lemler seconded. Motion carried.
4. Committee and Group Reports
  - A. Junior Leaders: Alyssa Poisel reported that the last meeting of the Jr. Leaders was cancelled due to the weather. T-shirts are this year's fundraiser. The December meeting will be held December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Office. It will be the group's Christmas Party.
  - B. Fair Board: President Rob Hurford reported that 2019 4-H Fair dates have been set as July 13-20. This will be Saturday to Saturday. The Livestock Auction will return to Friday. Livestock Superintendents will be meeting to schedule the shows, as all will probably be changing. It is up in the air as to whether there will be anything happening at the Fairgrounds the last Saturday. This is a one-year trial to see how it goes.
  - C. Policy and Procedures: Reviewed changes that were presented to the committee. There are still questions about Sweepstakes rule changes. Kelsey will clarify this issue with the Ag teachers, as they are the ones who created the rule changes. Morry Riddle moved that we accept the rule changes with the exception of the Sweepstakes rules and allow the teachers to tweak as necessary and return with changes before approving those. Rob Hurford seconded. Motion carried. Rob then amended the motion to add the Soup and Achievement projects and drop the Strawberry project from our offerings. Motion carried.
  - D. Flowers: Fundraising committee will meet Dec. 6 at 6:00 p.m. before the next Council meeting to discuss flower offerings for next year.
  - E. Awards: Needs to have a meeting the first part of January. It was decided that the date will be set after new members come onto the board at the next meeting.
5. Old Business
  - A. The Council is still in need of a Vice President. We are looking for volunteers or suggestions for someone for the position.
  - B. Township Lists: Forms are available online and are due in January.
  - C. Enrollment: Enrollment is open as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. There are currently 85 adults enrolled and 136 youth enrolled.
  - D. Outstanding Trophies: Barb Penrod presented a short list of trophy sponsors that still have a debt. Morry Riddle moved to write off outstanding trophies. Rob Hurford seconded. Motion carried.
6. New Business
  - A. 4-H Scholarships: There was discussion as to how many scholarships would be presented. After discussion, the Council asked Kelsey to clarify with Angie Smith how the scholarships were chosen and if the money for the scholarships would all remain in Marshall County.
  - B. Investment Plan CD: Patti Kitch has done some research with local banks and presented current investment rates. Her recommendation was to move \$10,000 to the Marshall

County Community Foundation to be used as an endowment. This will gain appreciation of approximately 7-10% and will give approximately a \$400 payout annually for possible scholarships. She also recommended making a \$20,000 investment to a certificate at First Federal at 2.8% for 12 months. Morry Riddle moved to accept Patti's recommendation and Jodi Lemler seconded. Motion carried.

7. Educator's Comments

- A. Kelsey was approached by a Marshall County volunteer who asked for hardship enrollment fee for 1 member.
- B. Kelsey also asked if all members were receiving emails pertaining to meetings. If you are not, please contact Kelsey so that you may be added.
- C. SPARK Career Club: The first meeting was held and went well. The club discussed generations in the work place and how to dress for success.
- D. Congratulations to Shelby Keifer for being awarded a Volunteer Award. Along with the award to Shelby comes a \$250 gift to the Robotics Club.
- E. Superintendents meeting will be held on January 10. Kelsey is hoping to get some county wide leaders for projects in place at this meeting. If people are unable to hold workshops, at least appoint someone for people to call if they have questions about different projects and someone with knowledge of the project can assist them. If you know of people who might assume this role, please encourage them to attend.
- F. Committee Guidelines for Livestock Committees were presented as the Livestock Committee has written them. These will be presented to Fair Board at their November meeting.
- G. Board and Committee Training will be held with Starke and Kosciusko Counties after the next Council meeting on Dec. 6 at 8:00 p.m. This will be a one hour web meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held Dec. 6. Fundraising Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Council meeting. The Council meeting will be held at 6:30 with pizza and snacks. Immediately following the meeting at 8:00 p.m., the Web X meeting will be held with Starke and Kosciusko Counties.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karmen Leeper, Secretary