

March 11, 2019
Junior Leaders Meeting

The meeting started at 7:05 pm with the **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Kelsey Moore. The **4-H Pledge** was led by Mackenzie Findley.

The **secretary's minutes** were read, Garrett Dow moved and Willow Phillips seconded it. The motion passed.

John Fritch read the **Treasurer's report**. The closing balance was \$7,476.17 in checking and \$18,533.67 in savings. Breanna Mendenhall moved and Garrett Dow seconded the motion to accept the report. The motion passed.

In old business, the etiquette dinner was discussed. **In new business**, reminders were made by Rena Sheldon about the 4-H Flowers Sale, Ambassadors interviews on April 4th, Feed Auction on April 6th, Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th at 1:00 pm (Junior Leaders should be here by 12 pm noon).

Options for the **completion trip** were presented by the Trip Committee:

- St. Louis
- French Lick
- Escape Room /Old Spaghetti Factory

Voting with stickers was done by the group.

A **panel discussion** was a special feature with 4-H alumni speaking about their 4-H experiences and how these things benefit them as adults. Valerie Bruce, Chad Dow, Ted Cragen and Mandy Sichtung gave their 4-H stories.

Chad Dow's involvement was in Swine and Goats. He was a Junior Leader and he thought he would be an engineer. He learned that agriculture was his calling, changed his major and now works for a seed company.

The panel was asked about awards they received in 4-H. Ted Cragen was proud to tell that he led the Swine Team to its first Battle of the Barns win. Mandy Sichtung recalled being Miss 4-H in 2002. Valerie Bruce showed a dog at the State Fair and placed third. Chad Dow remembers winning Swine and Goat Showmanship and also Round Robin Showmanship. Favorite projects were: Chad – Swine, Ted – Swine, Mandy – Other Crafts, and Valerie – Baking (Foods Prep.)

Encouragement to the group:

Be open, never say never, love what you do. All the panelists encouraged us to do internships and job shadowing as early as possible.

What are they doing now?

Ted is a police officer. He enlisted in the military to get his education.

Valerie is a social worker and policy analyst for Child Protective Services.

Mandy teaches 5th grade at Mooresville.

Chad works with farmers as a seed representative.

The meeting **adjourned** at 8:05 pm. The next meeting is April 8th.