

1. Call to Order: President Teri 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 November 19, 2018 meeting. Chantel Poisel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tonja Lemler seconded. Motion carried.

B. Patti Kitch presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that following the November meeting, she transferred \$10,000 to the Marshall County Community Foundation and \$20,000 to a CD at First Federal Savings Bank, as the Council directed. Betty Hostetler moved to approve the report as presented and Chantel Poisel seconded. Motion carried.

4. Committee and Group Reports

A. Junior Leaders: Alyssa Poisel reported that the Jr. Leaders would be meeting Dec. 7 at 6:30 for the Holiday party at the Extension Office.

B. Fair Board: Rob Hurford reported that there will be events and activities in place of the carnival at the 2019 Fair. There is now a start date for construction of the new building at the fairgrounds, set for January. The fair board will be contacting vendors from the Blueberry Festival to see if they are interested in being a vendor at the 2019 Fair.

C. Others: Flower Committee met prior to the meeting and reported we would use the same vendor for flower sales, but some prices have increased. Mums, Daisies, and Hanging Basket prices have changed. Council discussed order numbers to be turned in for the 2019 order.

Budget: Committee met prior to Council meeting and set the budget for 2019, which Patti Kitch presented. Chantel Poisel moved to approve the budget and Jodi Lemler seconded.

5. Old Business

A. Scholarships: Clarification was made on the Scholarship selection process. The applications are sent to Purdue for selection. If we sponsor 5 scholarships, we are guaranteed to be awarded 5 from our county, if we have at least 5 apply. There is a possibility that we could be awarded more if another county doesn't have the number of applicants that they sponsor scholarships for. Terri Zechiel moved to again sponsor 5 scholarships. Marcie Bogunia seconded. Motion carried.

B. Awards: Committee needs to look into other options for awards. After discussion, it was decided to cancel the January Council meeting and the Awards Committee would meet January 3 at 6:30 p.m..

New Business

- A. There was no new business to discuss.

Educator's Comments

Kelsey Saderja reported that there were 146 active youth, and 31 pending, for a total of 177. There were 86 active volunteers and 7 pending, for a total of 93. Both of those numbers were up from last year.

Clarification on Sweepstakes: Take out Dairy Feeder and Dairy Steers, only Dairy Females will show in Sweepstakes. The ag teachers were requesting 3 judges from fair board, instead of the 6 originally proposed. Jodi Lemler motioned that during the Sweepstakes show, half of the participants would show regular beef cattle and half of the participants would show dairy beef and then they would switch so all participants would show both kinds of cattle. Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.

Also clarified, the rule Once you win, you cannot compete in Sweepstakes again. Chantel Poisel moved to accept this. Leah Binkley seconded. Motion carried.

There will be a Scholarship meeting December 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Discussion on Clover Chatter: There are currently 500 Clover Chatter newsletters being sent out each month. It takes the office a whole day to prepare these. Discussed send every other month. Discussion led to directive to keep all Chatters online to eliminate postage. There will be one paper copy sent with all important fair dates. Otherwise, all will be online.

Junior Extension Board applications and Camp Counselor applications are due Dec. 7, 2018.

Horse and Pony requested to reduce to three divisions for classes. Betty Hostetler moved to accept this and Teri Zechiel seconded. Motion carried.

Manuals: Kelsey will go through the Exhibit Guide see which projects manuals will be necessary for and notate in the Exhibit Guide. They will delete the manual requirements from those projects no longer requiring a manual.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.