

1. Call to Order: President Terri Barnhart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were recited. These were led by guest 4-H'ers Maclain Middaugh and Ana Lemler.
3. 2 groups of 4-H'ers were present and asked the Council to consider paying for their workshop to be held the following weekend. Rob Hurford moved to give them the \$300 fee that they were requesting. Betty Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.
4. Kelsey Saderja nominated Shelby Kiefer for the office of Vice President. Teri Zechiel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Officer Reports
 - A. Karmen Leeper presented the minutes from the December, 2018 meeting. Chantel Poisel moved to accept the minutes as presented. Tonja Lemler seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. Patti Kitch sent the treasurer's report since the December meeting for approval. Chantel Poisel moved to accept the report as presented and Eldon Amor seconded. Motion carried.
6. Committee and Group Reports
 - A. Junior Leaders: Alyssa Poisel presented that the next meeting would be Feb. 13 at p.m. at the Extension Office to make Valentines. Later, Anna Leeper sent a message that the Jr. Leaders met at the Extension Office on January 16 for their monthly meeting. They talked about their t-shirt fundraiser and began the ordering process. The fundraiser will conclude at the end of the week. T-shirt designs can be found and ordered on the Marshall Co. 4-H Facebook page. Members also discussed and decided that ice will not be sold at this year's fair due to ice not being easily available to sell. Their cooler will be kept and used for another purpose. Finally, they discussed recruitment ideas and decided that Jr. Leaders will attend twp. Meetings to talk with 4-H'ers and invite them to become Jr. Leaders. Their final activity at the meeting was making tie blankets for a local charity.
 - B. Fair Board: Rob Hurford announced that opening bids were held for the Community Center at the Fair Grounds. \$700,000 was budgeted for the building. The fair Board received 5 bids, the lowest being \$738,000 and the highest being \$1.6 million. The architect has sent a letter of recommendation to the low bidder, which was B & B Construction of Bremen. Through donated services Rob was confident that the building could be done for the price that was budgeted. Construction should begin in approx. 45 days, with finish slated for late spring or early summer. This will allow the building to be used at the 2019 fair.
 - C. Other
 - a. Awards: Committee will meet following the Council meeting to discuss results of the survey.
 - b. Tractor Project: There is a great need for more helpers. If you know of someone, let Kelsey Sajdera or Angie Smith know. If there aren't more helpers found, the tractor contest may be cancelled. Terri Barnhart suggesting the St. Joseph County leader and see if there might be a possibility of combining the contest with St. Joseph county.
7. Old Business
 - A. Committee Sign Up: The list was passed around once more for sign up.
8. New Business
 - A. Flower Sales: We have new brochures this year thanks to Terri Barnhart. Packets were passed to each township. There are only a few forms in each packet. Feel free to copy for

- your club's needs. Prices did go up on a few items, so be aware of that. Orders are due back May 3 and delivery dates are May 8,9 and 10.
- B. Kid's Expo: No information has been received concerning this event this year.
 - C. Table Request by FFA: The FFA has again requested to use Council's tables from the Exhibit Building for the FFA Toy Show. Betty Hostetler moved to allow them to use the tables. Barb Penrod seconded. Motion carried.
9. Educator's Comments
- A. There are currently 636 active youth, and 48 pending. The total membership at this time is 684. There are 207 Volunteers active and 19 pending, for a total of 226.
 - B. Audit date is March 5. Angie Smith will cover this because Kelsey will be out of the office. Those groups being audited are: Polk Horse and Pony, Walnut Explorers, Fair Board, Pygmy Goat, Swine and Auction.
 - C. Minors Training will be offered after the March Council meeting
 - D. 4-H Scholarships have been turned in. There were 14 Senior Scholarships, 2 Club Scholarships and 5 Achievement Scholarships applied for.
 - E. Angie is looking for help for 4-H in the Classroom. She will be working at Washington, Jefferson, St. Michael's and Bremen Elementary.
 - F. A grant has been received by the Council from JC Penney in the amount of \$1200. It has been donated to be used in whatever way we wish. No decision where the money should go has been reached.
10. At the March 7 meeting, Shelby Kiefer will cover the secretary's report in Karmen's absence.
11. THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 11 DUE TO MANY SCHOOLS BEING ON SPRING BREAK THE WEEK OF OUR NORMALLY SCHEDULED MEETING.
12. Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Karmen Leeper

Secretary