

August 20, 2017

Approved 9-17-17

4-H Federation Meeting/ Erlandson Office Building

Attendance: Ann Christianson (Liberty Pole Boosters), Sally and Ella Lysne (LC), Joshua and Cheryl Rebhahn (MM/ R 56), Deb Primmer (MM/ R56) Joanne Hornby (DD)

Chery R. called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM .

Joann H made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections that was seconded by Joshua R. Motion carried.

There were no correspondences to report this month.

Treasurer's Report

Transactions: Ann C. made a motion to approve transaction and account balance. Ella L. seconded. Motion carried.

Bills: Some debate regarding amount of money requested by State Dairy judging and how much federation reimburses for mileage. Joann H. made a motion to pay the requested from the State Dairy judging which was seconded by Ella L. Motioned passed. Discussion regarding having all people requesting money from the 4-H Vernon County Federation come in person for the October budget meeting. Deb P. did indicate that the bill for the insurance for the 4-H Food Stand increased this year. Joshua R. made a motion to approve the minutes and Joann H. seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship and Recognition Committees both need people!

Budget meeting will be held October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Any group requesting money for the following year is strongly encouraged to attend to ask for monetary requests in person.

Food Stand

Springville group did show up and helped with initial food stand cleaning. Nerison group is set to assist on August 30, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Anybody is welcome to attend!

Deb P. brought up the concern regarding the concrete work that needs to be done on the front of the stand. She did not state this needed to be done prior to the fair. Discussion took place regarding what information the Fair Board would best respond to regarding repair work. Sally L. made a motion to get two estimates on concrete work needed for the Food Stand to present to the Fair Board and this was seconded by Ann C. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Joshua R. stated that 6 youth attended the All About Bugs educational talk. They all seemed to have a good time.

Fair Awards: Deb P. was approached regarding setting up 2 awards for Arts and Crafts in memory of

Marcia Meshbeshner. This discussion will be tabled as people will look into how all of the other awards are funded on a yearly basis and working for consistency.

Deb P. also brought up a nomination for the "Friend of 4-H" Award. Everyone seems in agreement on this.

Another concern is that the trip costs are all going to go up next year. The trip to Washington DC is supposed to go up from 1200 to 1300 and the Space Camp trip is also proposed to increase by \$50. Some discussion took place regarding having the Federation increase the amount they contribute to these trips or to have the individuals pay more.

Educator's Report: Colleen P. was not at the meeting, and provided a written update:

*4-H camp went very well, with 102 in attendance. Counselors and chaperones from Vernon County did an excellent job!

*Four new volunteers completed the orientation process.

*Our new Area Extension Director (AED) has been selected and spent a day with us. Craig Saxe has worked for Extension for many years, having served both as an 4-H and Ag agent, most recently in Juneau County. As of January Craig will be the administrative director for all 5 county Extension offices (Crawford, Richland, Vernon, Monroe and LaCrosse) in our area.

*The Entomology program served 5 youth and was organized by Josh Rebhahn.

*The STEM trip to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium was enjoyed by a good group of 28. In addition to general admission, participants were able to enjoy two specific programs on boat building and exploring a real dredge boat. These programs provided hands on experiences which everyone really enjoyed. This STEM educational opportunity was funded, in part, through a Ho-Chunk grant.

*Charters are due 8/25/17 and 3 clubs have already submitted.

*The University has offered an early retirement and I have decided to accept. My last day of employment will be 1-3-18. While I have offered to mentor a new employee, Craig has indicated that a new person will likely not be in place prior to my departure.

*Given the upcoming county fair, I strongly recommend that the September Federation meeting is skipped.

At 8:30 PM Joshua R. made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Ann C. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Lysne

Secretary