

Dodge County 4H Leaders Association Inc.

Leader's Association Feb 17, 2004

The meeting of the Dodge County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order at 7:35 by President Deb Merfeld. The group recited the American Flag Pledge and roll call was taken. Minutes from the last meeting were passed to each member for reading and checking. Minutes were approved as amended. Correspondence was read. Helen Weisensel gave the treasurer's report. Karen Schmidt reported that the Morgan Stanley fund was closed on Jan. 30 and funds were transferred to Edward Jones. The Endowment Fund committee is scheduled to meet to decide how to invest the money. The group estimates that \$1,000 will be available this year. They are working on the grant process. Lorraine Kohn presented the program "What should be included in the Secretary's Book?"

Diane Neff reported that the Old Time Gathering committee had good turnout at the 2003 event and are looking for more crafters at the 2004 event. Sally reported that the Community Builders Banquet, held 3 weeks earlier than usual, had good attendance. Jane Schmidt moved to retain the Special Emphasis theme "Families are the Heart of 4-H" for a 3rd year. Charlie Lindegarde gave a second and the motion was approved. Leipsic 4-H club has offered the option for another club to organize the Music Festival/Volleyball usually held in Nov. Any club wishing to host this event should decide by the Apr 27 Leader's Meeting. Caroly Dehler will organize the 4-H Family Picnic to be held in July. Various leaders reported on Achievement, Record Book Revisions, and the New Family Orientation. Deb Merfeld & Lynn Stanton reported that the Audit Committee met and determined that our Treasurer books were in order. Deb Wiebelhaus mentioned that the Government Education Program has interviewed 11 supervisors, 8 books are outstanding, and 8 clubs have not signed up to attend a county board meeting. She also reported that Trip Award forms have been revised and will be out with the June newsletter; also that Dodge County is working to join with another club for the 2005 Grand Canyon Trip. Julie Guenterberg reported that the Dodge County Tech Team will lead 2 sessions at the State Volunteer Conference, and 1 session at the Feb Family Learning Day. Diane Neff reported that the State Council met in Oct.; Youth Protection updates were discussed. They are planning the 2007 North Central Region forum to include 12 states & Manitoba.

Fundraisers:

Astico & Rock River Royals hosted the Culver's night and raised between \$175 and \$200. Jane Schmidt reported that she had registered our group with Pick & Save; our number is "172050" and will be published in the April newsletter. 50/50 tickets at the Races has nights open: May 15 & 29, Jun 5 & 19, July 3, 10 & 24, Aug 7 & 28. Joann Swan, Leipsic, volunteered her club for Jun 19. Race Food Stand has sprint nights open on Apr 17, May 1, Jun 26, Sept 18. Ruth Lindegarde volunteered to coordinate the stand. Portland took Apr 17 and Rock River Royals took May 1. General consensus directed that we take all open nights and look for volunteers to staff them. Members were reminded to save "Moula Caps for the Kwik Trip fundraiser.

Pat Hahn reported on the Fair Annual meeting. Ticket prices will increase, country music acts are booked, and traffic flow around the Farm Progress arena was discussed at the meeting. Bob Oelke reported on the Fairgrounds addition; storage & bathrooms will be built in 2004 on the west end of the Youth Building. Sally reported that 300 are registered for Feb. Family Learning Day; food will be available for purchase served by Sinnissippi. Rock River Royals will host the March FLD. The WWA will totally staff the ice cream stand in 2004, while 4-H will staff the cream puff stand. We are looking for a coordinator to manage the stand. Laurie Hron reported that GL sharing will be held on Thurs. Apr 22, and Apr. 24. Leader Training will be held on Mar 29. Pat Hahn reported that the Hustisford Read-a-thon will be held the 1st Sat in Mar at Hustisford Library, including guest readers, a writing contest, and reading groups. Laurie Hron volunteered to be the Sunshine Chairman. Ruth Lindegarde requested that the members consider staffing a booth at the Home Show on Mar 13. Ruth also told us that she is considering a change in vendors for the Pizza wagon, from Emil's to Park Plaza. The pizza is less expensive and Emil's service was disappointing at previous fairs. Chuck Crave moved to leave the decision to the Executive Committee based on a recommendation from the Pizza Chairman. Fred Guenterberg gave a 2nd. The motion was passed.

Bonnie Borden reported on the selection of the Dairy/Livestock Summer Agent. She noted that the MAQA is for all livestock, to be presented at both FLD and Jun 16. The Dodgerama will be held Apr 17. She encouraged all clubs to purchase copies of the new livestock manuals: Beef \$12, Sheep \$11.25, Swine \$12. Bonnie mentioned that her Sausage Making class was already full, but that another will be scheduled after Easter.

Deb reported that 8 special emphasis grants came in.

Sally reported that Shooting Sports project will be more coordinated at the county level this year. A letter will be sent to all members. To receive Dairy Promotion money (\$50) your club must turn in the forms available at the Feb FLD. Sally spoke about the Civil Rights Audit and a possible Leader survey. The group discussed possible ways to gather volunteer hours, similar to the effort taken during the 4-H Centennial year. Sally mentioned that summer agents applications are due Feb 20.

Fred Guenterberg moved to amend the Article 6 of the Bylaws per the following:

Sec 3. Only earnings from the Endowment fund may be withdrawn or dispersed when the fund has reached and maintains a minimum of \$50,000.00.

Sec.5 An Endowment Committee shall consist of (2) elected 4-H leaders, (1) member of the executive board (treasurer). One person representing a trust department or investment firm and the U.W.-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent shall be ex-officio members of the committee. The election is to be held at the September Leaders Association meeting. The terms of the two elected members are to be 2-year alternating terms. A limit of 2 consecutive terms shall apply.

Sec. 6

f. An auditing committee/auditor shall be appointed by the President to audit the Endowment Fund books after September 30 but before the installation of officers. This may be the same auditor that audits the Leaders Association books.

Chuck Crave gave the 2nd. After much discussion and differing opinions about how to handle this motion, President Deb Merfeld asked Fred/Chuck to rescind their motion in favor of making it a "presentation" as is worded in the constitution. They agreed to do so. The presentation will be published in the next newsletter. The group also asked that a copy of the current constitution be distributed with the next Leader Logue. Alan Roll asked members to think about ideas for GL sharing. Chuck Crave encouraged dairy members to participate in Dairy Quiz Bowl Team, Judging & State Fair in order to qualify for several dairy scholarships. Don Schwandt mentioned that the B.D. Pigeon & Bantam Club will donate money to the Youth Building project. He reported on the open house at Harnishfeger Park and passed out flyers on Poultry swap & Equine Scholarship.

Don Schwandt moved to adjourn the meeting; Laurie Hron gave a 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm

Respectfully Submitted
Julie Guenterberg, secretary

Leader Association Meetings 2004 April 27 - 7:30pm June 17 - 7:30pm September 15 - 7:30pm October 26 - 7:30pm
