

Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009

Attendance: Jason Kanable, Jean Sandmire, Janine Petersen, Jessica Jens, Sandy Miskowiak-Larsen, Raina Petersen, Debbie Meister, Dorothy Harms, Dan Greenwood, Tina Raschein, Hilda Hantzsch, Cayla Hantzsch, Tim Trower, Marla Kluge

The meeting was called to order by past president Jean Sandmire at 7:05 PM. The agenda was approved as presented. The secretary minutes were handed out. Jason moved to accept the secretary minutes. Debbie seconded and minutes were approved. Correspondence: A thank you from Madison Hartup was read.

Marla presented the treasurers report with a checkbook balance of \$18459.23 and total funds balance of \$30232.44. The expenses of \$7859.65 were presented to be paid including Southern Dist. Leadership meeting (which Sauk Co. will be reimbursed), newsletter printing & postage, and Super Saturday. Marla also presented the 2009 budget which included \$9000 income from the fair foodstand and \$4500 income from platbooks. Budgeted expenses totaled \$13553.83. Raina moved to approve the treasurers report and to pay the expenses to date. Tina seconded and the motion carried.

Committee Reports – Youth leadership: The 4-H ambassadors and Junior Leaders combined efforts for a Xmas Cookie & hot apple cider fundraiser at the Holly Jolly Light parade. Profits were split to provide \$97.50 to each group. Plans for a silent auction are being discussed pending approval from the Fair Board. A county sledding party is scheduled for February 28 at Upham Woods.

Fair Building: Hilda reported that the committee reviewed building plans and concluded they would postpone a fund raising effort for this year due to the current poor economy. Temporary improvements would be put in place for this year.

Livestock: Sandy reported that a balance of \$2410 was still owed to Senior Leaders for last year's purchase of a beef scale. She will draft a letter to county 4-H clubs and FFA groups asking for their financial support to repay this loan. A special committee for the market animal sale, comprised of fair board and 4-H members, met and recommended a 2% increase from 3% to 5% of sales commission. The current 3% covers sale maintenance costs (electricity, salaries, shavings, meal, PA system, & manure removal). The increase would be used to improve promotion & advertising of the livestock sale to potential buyers. The increase was approved by the fair board and the market animal sale committees. Discussion focused on the need to educate youth exhibitors about appropriate ways to promote the livestock sale to potential buyers. Sandy also expressed she wanted to see more youth participation on the county livestock committees. A request was made for hiring Charlie Bennett as a beef judge for the 2009 county fair. Since he lives in southern IL, his mileage would exceed the usual & customary charge of \$85 for mileage. Sandy estimated \$120 would be needed to cover his mileage expense. It was brought to the group's attention that the Bank of Wisconsin Dells donated \$100 to be used for livestock projects.

Hilda moved to pay the \$35 additional mileage from the bank's livestock donation. Jason seconded and motion carried.

Performing Arts: Sandy has been working to form a Performing Arts committee. The main question at hand is how to structure the Performing Arts Festival. A survey form for club members was reviewed and after a few revisions was approved to be sent to club leaders to be filled out at their next club meeting. Currently May 1st is the tentative date for the Arts Festival.

Old Business: Jason Kanable will be attending the Youth/Adult Partnerships workshop on Jan. 31 in Spring Green. Fund raising ideas – Debbie Meister explained a 12-month calendar raffle and how it could be implemented. Plat books – Jessica previewed a new company interested in producing the plat books. They offer online mapping and sale of plat books online. Enough platbooks are available for sale in 2009. Jessica will follow up with this new company later in the year. 4-H road sign – Tim Trower met with the landowner on the Sauk – Richland county line and the sign is now gone. Super Saturday – Jessica reported all went well except for a GPS unit which was apparently stolen after the Geocaching workshop. It's replacement value is \$120. Jean moved to pay for the replacement of the stolen unit. Raina seconded and the motion passed.

New Business: Jessica reported that all county clubs have now turned their annual club reports. A few county project reports were still outstanding. Big Hollow Bears 4-H club from Spring Green has decided to disband. Jessica reported that the 4-H office would like to start making the Clover Comments available online. Members present requested that the next Clover Comments be printed and mailed as usual. Club members will need to contact the 4-H office if they wish to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail. Jessica also asked the group if the \$5 membership fee will continue. She explained that Jefferson County UWEX had one 4-H agent and one ag agent position cut and the county board implemented a \$20/member dues. No action was taken on this matter.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Harms

Secretary