

Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2009

Attendance: Jessica Jens, Hilda & Cayla Hantzsch, Marla Kluge, Tim Trower, Debbie Meister, Dorothy Harms, Jason Kanable.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by acting President Tim Trower. The agenda was approved as presented. Minutes from the February 24, 2009 meeting were handed out. It was noted that the motion for summer camp scholarships should be for the amount of \$700 total. Debbie moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Cayla seconded and the motion passed.

Marla Kluge presented the treasurers report with a checkbook balance of \$11228.59 and a total funds balance of \$23008.46. Total expenses presented to be approved were \$6287.84 including \$4500 to Cloud Cartographics for ½ payment of the new platbooks. Hilda moved to accept the treasurers report. Dorothy seconded and it was approved. Debbie moved to approve payment of March expenses. Cayla seconded and the motion passed. It was reported that the livestock committee has collected \$250 in club donations towards repayment of the beef scale. Marla reported that the new platbooks have been ordered and 50% down payment has been made. Tim suggested going to other businesses who distribute platbooks (i.e. banks, title company) to use our platbooks. Jessica will communicate with Cloud to see if they will contact these businesses.

Committee Reports: **Youth** – Cayla reported on the money situation for the various youth groups. A \$200 grant from the Ambassadors was given to fund the Green Team for 2009. It was estimated the Green Team will need \$300 so the balance is to be raised by selling of the “Green” t-shirts. The junior leaders have requested \$150 from the 4-H Senior Leaders for pizzas & snacks at their JLC meetings. Pizza would be served every other month to increase attendance. Past meetings reflected increased attendance at meetings promoted as a pizza party. Jason moved to approve their request. Marla seconded and the motion passed. **Foodstand** – The foodstand manager contract has been renewed and signed with Sharon Verthein. **Fair** – Hilda reported the committee has scheduled the following events at the county fair: Thursday - Daycare Day with a Pirate theme and Treasure Hunt; Thursday evening – Celebrating the Arts; Friday – Fashion Preview; Saturday -Project Demonstrations; Sunday – Water Balloon Dodgeball. The Action Center will be overseen by Cheryl Shanks and the summer agent. Possibly Sunday the HCE cook-off will take place at the Barnyard Theatre. It was requested to check on the actual size of the tent available. April 21 the Fair Building committee will meet at the fairgrounds to evaluate upgrades and repairs needed. **Dairy** – Jason reported that Foremost Farms will no longer pick up the milk from the fairgrounds . Other alternatives are being explored. **Exchange** – The Montana exchange was cancelled due to lack of interest. **Expansion/Review** – This new committee will meet April 14.

Old Business: Board Goals – Board members felt the main focus of this board should be on the kids and serving their needs. The goal for the year was to increase 4-H enrollment. Actions to support this goal are to include: increased public relations & utilize more media coverage to promote 4-H. Comments in

addition to the goal setting included: the education aspect of some projects has been lost and needs a stronger focus and more activities should be included for cloverbuds (i.e. field trips). 4-H Camp scholarships – Jessica shared sample forms for camp scholarships from other counties. The group agreed it should be a simple form with general information included.

New Business: Jessica shared with the group a copy of the Baraboo Community Education bulletin. It includes all educational opportunities in the Baraboo area. Cost for a full page ad was \$100. The group consensus was to approve the cost of the ad to promote 4-H. Jessica was instructed to check with Sauk Prairie schools since they also have a similar bulletin. Jessica announced that UW-Baraboo campus has offered to host the 2010 Super Saturday program for no cost. Interviews for a summer agent were ongoing with 3 applications received. 2 summer VISTA interns would be available again this year due to the Federal economic stimulus funding. A new Merrimac 4-H club is forming at the charter school located there.

Marla moved to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Harms , Secretary