

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

January 18, 2021

Attendance: Denise Noble, Mary Darling, Janice Zerbe, Tina Loomis, Alex deFinta, Kerri Damm, Colleen Burke, Latisha Tomsa, Carisa Hostetler, Nancy Wheatley, Lori Alexander, Amy Mortimore

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:03 pm with all officers' present and nine clubs represented.

Secretary Report: Latisha Tomsa moved to accept the secretary report as presented with a second from Colleen Burke. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with receipts of \$1.50, no disbursements and a total in the checking account of \$31319.55 with outstanding checks totaling \$307.44 and outstanding deposits of \$901.50. Sub Accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$620.00), Teen Club Balance (\$940.02), Moyle Memorial CD (\$1000.00) and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds). Denise Noble moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented with a second from Amy Mortimore. Report will be placed on file for audit.

Bills / Correspondence: None presented.

Club Sharing: *Geneva Wrens* – had no January meeting. They donated backpacks, socks to the Police Department for the homeless. *Young Explorers* – Kerri Damm was introduced as the new key leader. Welcome! They made a craft online. Cat-a-tude is ongoing. *Van Buren Voyagers* – They are still reading “My Side of the Mountain” with crafts included. Goose Chases are on going and going well. They watched a video about Western Heritage. *Porter Busy Fingers* – sponsored a family over the holiday.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – No report from the Outstanding 4-H member.

Committee Reports: *None presented.*

4-H Educator Report: *Moving Forward* – January 6, 2021 received emails regarding MSU moving forward. *Zoom Links* – Do not share zoom links or meeting reminders on Facebook. *AmeriCorps* -- Janice is working with AmeriCorps. *Mark of Excellence / State Awards* – Please share this information with your club members. You may reach out to Denise Noble for assistance in preparation. *MI Ag Conference* – This is for adults and youth. Information is coming soon. *Cooking Class* – The cooking class held in December had a good turnout. *Educational Classes for Fair* – The schedule will be available soon. They will be held all virtual. *CWF* – will be held virtually for 2021. Information coming soon. *Exploration Days* – additional information soon. *Food Bank / Shelters* – Discussion regarding birthday packages for Van Buren County to include cake mix, frosting, candles. Each club would collect and then LA will put them together. More discussion in March. *Enrollments* – Janice will update new member lists and send to key leaders. She will try to send new lists as they are updated.

Unfinished Business: *Enrollment Incentives* – Some gift cards cannot be purchased online. Some discussion

New Business: *Caps for Benches* – Janice will send out more information. Denise Noble would like to have this as an Envirothon project. Clubs are encouraged to collect plastic caps as a competition with another county. Drop off locations for the caps is to be determined. *Movers and Shakers Goose Chase* – Planes, trains, automobiles, tanks, boats, etc. (February – September). Prize discussion took place. More information from

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Denise Noble is upcoming. *Limited meeting schedule discussion* – Discussion regarding limited LA meetings took place. Some suggestions were to have meetings held every other month. Some suggestions were to decide month to month if the following month meeting is needed. Denise Noble moved to cancel the February LA meeting with a second from Amy Mortimore. Janice may offer open office hours on off months. Motion carried. Next meeting will be March 15, 2021. *Toy Sale* – The Thrift Shop may no longer be selling toys. Toy sale discussion. Virtual Games Discussion too place.

Expansion Review: All present are encouraged to increase enrollment. During the 2019-2020 4-H year there were 290 youth enrolled. We shared ideas regarding new and virtual programs. 4-H Promotion is ongoing. Janice has talked with new families / members that are interested in joining. Virtual attendance depends on the program. Lots of discussion.

Fair Board Update: No update available.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – March 15, 2021 using ZOOM Meeting.

Adjournment: Amy Mortimore moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary