

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

May 18, 2020

Attendance: Mary Darling, Tina Loomis, Denise Noble, Alex deFinta, Karol Chopp, Amy Mortimore, Janice Zerbe, Lori Alexander, Carisa Hostetler, Colleen Burke, Latisha Tomsa, Katy Gillan, Wendy Fisher

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:05 pm with all officers present and six clubs represented.

Secretary Report: Karol Chopp moved to accept the secretary report as presented with a second from Denise Noble. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with receipts of \$3668.84, disbursements of \$280.00 and a total in the checking account of \$23222.18 with outstanding checks totaling \$67.85 and outstanding deposits totaling \$3458.84. 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). Motion to support was moved by Karol Chopp with a second from Tina Loomis. Report will be placed on file for audit.

Bills / Correspondence: \$1224 was received from the Van Buren Youth Fair Board and will be deposited.

Club Sharing: *West Valley Livestock* – One member was painting windows in Decatur. *Van Buren Voyagers* – will be holding a ZOOM meeting tomorrow and have set up Goose Chases. *Almena Happy Helpers* – are holding monthly ZOOM meetings. *South Haven JayDees* – Porsha Tomsa has made 530 ear savers and donated them to schools, hospitals and others.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – No report.

Committee Reports: *Auction – Plans for 2021* – The auction will be held on the 1st Saturday in March 2021 with dinner. Each club will be asked to donate a silent auction basket. Discussion of “auction bucks” took place. 4-H members will be asked to send buyer letters. Lots of ideas were discussed at the last committee meeting. Wendy Fisher has auction signs from the 2020 auction and will return them to Janice Zerbe. Denise Noble moved to pay the building reservation deposit for the first Saturday in March 2021 with a second from Amy Mortimore. Motion carried. *Differently Abled* – No new news.

4-H Educator Report: *Participation Fees* – Continue to collect. *Bank Statements* – All clubs should have received bank statements and all should be up to date. *Van Buren Youth Fair* – The fair may use 4-H equipment if it has been stored at the fairgrounds. *Volunteer Selection Process* – All potential leaders need to complete this process before being granted as a 4-H leader. *Ice Breakers* – Janice Zerbe has ice breakers for ZOOM meetings for clubs to use, if interested.

Unfinished Business: *Pinewood Derby Track* – There was lots of discussion regarding the Pinewood Derby track with computer. The Girl Scouts may be interested in purchasing. Janice Zerbe will discuss options with MSU. This discussion will continue at the June Leaders Association Meeting.

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New Business: *College Scholarship Review* – The Leaders Association College Scholarship Application was discussed. Discussion ended with leaving the application the same as currently presented with no changes. *4-H Activity Boxes* – Janice discussed craft boxes to send to 4-H members. She asked if Leaders Association would support with a monetary value of \$9.00 each to ship these boxes to the 4-H members. There was lots of discussion. We will wait to continue the discussion and decide on how to ship until the June meeting. Discussion continued. *Goose Chase* – Van Buren Voyagers began a fishing Goose Chase. Nature Goose Chase starts Monday. Others are being created. *Virtual Babysitting Class* – This class is for 4-H members 10-19 years old. Fliers are available. This class is being offered by Kalamazoo County 4-H. Denise Noble will post the information on the Van Buren County 4-H Facebook page. *Michigan 4-H Facebook Page* – This page is always being updated. Please visit for current information.

Expansion Review: No Update

Fair Board Update: The Van Buren Youth Fair has been cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Announcements: *Next meeting – June 15, 2020 using ZOOM Meeting.*

4-H Carnival and Awards – September 20, 2020

Adjournment: Denise Noble moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Amy Mortimore. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary