

# VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

## November 16, 2020

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

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 except the treasurer and nine clubs represented.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented with receipts of \$5.91, disbursements of \$239.59 and a total in the checking account of \$31318.05 with outstanding checks totaling \$493.44 and outstanding deposits of \$900.00. 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:** The following was received and will be deposited: \$5.32 (Harding's escript), \$1.50 (Kalamazoo County State Bank) and \$900.00 (MSU reimbursement from Capital Experience).

**Club Sharing:** *Geneva Wrens* – had first virtual meeting. They will be helping others over the holiday. *West Valley Livestock* -- made candle center pieces during their meeting. They will be making holiday crafts in December. *South Haven JayDees* – will be having their first virtual meeting soon. *Porter Busy Fingers* – had their awards day. *Van Buren Voyagers* – Autumn Adventures are ending. They will be making black ink from walnuts at their next meeting. *Silver Spurs* – are doing several things through email. *Almena Happy Helpers* – are attempting to organize a cook & zoom. *Young Explorers* – Kerri Damm was introduced as the new key leader.

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

**Committee Reports:** *Auction* – No update available. *Differently Abled* – No update available.

**4-H Educator Report:** *Enrollments* – New club lists will be available soon. Still need some leaders background checks. *Barry County* – Will be introducing a county to county challenge to make a bench using plastic caps. Janice will provide additional information when available. *Recording Zoom* – Janice will send out additional information. Janice will need to receive permission from State on a case by case basis.

**Unfinished Business:** *Domestic Animal Committee* – The committee would like to become a sub-committee under 4-H Leaders Association with their money on their own line item. Mary Darling moved to have the Domestic Animal Committee become a sub-committee of the 4-H Leaders Association with their money on their own line item in the Treasurer with a second from Amy Mortimore. Motion Carried. *Countywide Projects* – Please send any simple craft ideas and example videos to Janice Zerbe.

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**New Business:** *Enrollment Incentives* – Volunteers are not included this year. At this time there are 175 youth enrolled and 78 volunteers. Incentives are for 20 youth to choose a \$20.00 gift card from Van Buren County businesses. The youth chosen are: Alana Felcyn (Almena Happy Helpers), Andrew Loveless (Almena Happy Helpers), Alicia Steinman (Geneva Wrens), Trinity Davis (South Haven JayDees), Timothy Reidenbach (Almena Happy Helpers), Parker Kneeshaw (Almena Happy Helpers), Addison Tomsic (Geneva Wrens), Ben Loomis (Geneva Wrens), Emma Steinman (Geneva Wrens) and Apollo Warmington (Almena Happy Helpers). *Elections* – Nominations were requested by President, Alex deFinta for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Nominations were requested three times. Mary Darling was nominated for Secretary and Amy Mortimore was nominated for Vice President. Nominations were closed. Denise Noble moved to elect Amy Mortimore for Vice President and Mary Darling for Secretary with a second from Latisha Tomsa. Motion carried. *2020 LA Auction Gift Card Incentives* – Amy Mortimore asked if the gift cards awarded during the 2020 LA Auction could be changed from what was previously requested. The gift cards have not been purchased so winners will be contacted to see if they would like their original choice prior to purchasing gift cards.

**Expansion Review:** Enrollment incentives were discussed. All present are encouraged to increase enrollment. During the 2019-2020 4-H year there were 290 youth enrolled.

**Fair Board Update:** No update available.

**Announcements:** *Next meeting* – January 18, 2020 using ZOOM Meeting.

**Adjournment:** Denise Noble moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Lori Alexander. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Darling  
LA Secretary