

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

August 17, 2020

Attendance: Janice Zerbe, Lori Alexander, Mary Darling, Karol Chopp, Denise Noble, Alex deFinta, Colleen Overacker, Nancy Wheatley, Amy Mortimore, Carisa Hostetler, Latisha Tomsa, 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 eight clubs represented.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with receipts of \$6975.88, no disbursements and a total in the checking account of \$31457.73 with outstanding checks totaling \$67.85 and outstanding deposits totaling \$20.00. Sub Accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$0), Teen Club Balance (\$940.02), Moyle Memorial CD (\$1000.00) and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds).

Horse Council Refund will be renamed to Auction Refund. Outstanding checks will be cancelled, and money added to Leaders Association Account.

Report will be placed on file for audit.

Bills / Correspondence: None

Club Sharing: *Almena Happy Helpers* – will start on September 14. *Van Buren Voyagers* – are working on Goose Chases and fishing contest. *Nature Adventures* are going good.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – No report.

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

4-H Educator Report: *Face to Face meetings* – There will be no face to face meetings. These have been cancelled indefinitely. Janice Zerbe will keep the association updated when she has additional information. *Annual Financial Reports* – are due October 1st. *Participation Fees* – 2019-2020 are due now. Janice Zerbe estimates there will be \$120.00 in scholarships needed. *Enrollments* – Enrollments for 4-H year 2020-2021 will begin on September 14 using the updated 4-H Online 2.0. *Zoom Meetings* – Janice Zerbe is able to set-up Zoom meetings for all 4-H clubs. *Tractor Supply Company* – Clover sales will take place this fall. Clubs are encouraged to promote, but are not allowed to gather. Please promote virtually to family and friends. This will take place during the beginning of October.

Unfinished Business: *Pinewood Derby Track* – Some discussion took place. Denise Noble moved to sell the Pinewood Derby Track with all parts for \$100.00 with Girl Scouts having the first option to purchase, with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Motion carried. *An Excellent Adventure* – will be postponed from November 2020. *Cat Show* – will be postponed from October 10.

New Business: *Awards and Recognition* – Due to the gathering restrictions this will be held via ZOOM or Facebook Live on the same date as previously scheduled (September 20 at 4:00 p.m.). Janice Zerbe has received one LA Scholarship application, four project award applications, one Citizenship application and two

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Outstanding 4-H Member applications. Leaders Association will cover the cost of postage to send certificates and awards to members and leaders being recognized. *Auction 2021* – We are unable to ask 4-H families to go face to face to ask for donations. Karol Chopp mentioned that some of the businesses that usually donate are struggling due to the pandemic. Lots of discussion. Latisha Tomsa moved to table this discussion to the September Leaders Association meeting with a second from Amy Mortimore. Motion carried. *Budget* – Carisa Hostetler provided the current budget for everyone to review. All those present were asked to individually review the budget and bring suggestions to the September Leaders Association meeting.

Expansion Review: We are thinking of things that we may offer virtually. Career talk series was discussed. Some virtual programs had good attendance. Voyagers will have virtual speakers. Pre-recorded instructional videos were discussed. Voyagers will be holding a book club. E-Sport videos was discussed. MSU has an E-Sport Club that we can reach out to. Craft videos (woodworking, bracelets, button craft, glass etching) were discussed. Email additional ideas to Janice Zerbe for craft videos.

Fair Board Update: No update available.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – September 21, 2020 using ZOOM Meeting. The mandatory Fall Key Leader Update will be held at 6:00 pm (via ZOOM) prior to the Leader's Association Meeting.

Adjournment: Denise Noble moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Amy Mortimore. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary