

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

September 16, 2024

Attendance: Mary Darling, Tina Loomis, Janice Zerbe, Denise Noble, Carisa Hostetler, Nancy Wheatley, Wendy Fisher, Alex deFinta, Tod Kubiszak, Latisha Tomsa, Lori Alexander, Amy Mortimore, Sabrina Streit, Kerri Damm-Bilyk, Emmeline Towne

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:10 pm with all officers present, and eleven clubs represented.

Secretary Report: Latisha Tomsa moved to accept the secretary report with the correction of correcting the meeting called to order by President, Alex deFinta and Animal Purchases line item not time, with a second from Amy Mortimore. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with no income, disbursements of \$501.76, and a total in the checking account of \$18566.49 which includes no outstanding checks and no outstanding deposits. Sub accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$0.00), Teen Club (\$940.02), Efting Memorial (\$575.00), Domestic Animal (\$492.39), and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds). Report will be placed on file for audit.

Bills / Correspondence: Bills were received for pig purchase (\$992.00), Hayden Bigelow college scholarship (\$1000.00) and cookies for club meetings (\$31.12).

Club Sharing: *Silver Spurs* – welcomed new leader for rabbits. They are urging members to take on leadership roles. *Young Explorers* – Janice Zerbe attended their club meeting and presented county awards. They have new officers and a couple of new families. *Dream Chasers* – celebrated Dylan's birthday.

Committee Reports: *Auction* – will hold a meeting on Wednesday via Zoom. *Tractor, Truck or Treat* – A food truck will be in attendance. Lots of vehicles have signed up. They need youth to dress in the cow costume. Lots of discussion.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – No report.

4-H Educator Report: *4-H Meetings* – Janice Zerbe will be attending club meetings to present county awards. *National 4-H Week* – will be held October 6-12, 2024. A discussion regarding whether advertising is needed. Clubs are encouraged to do something. *Fair Storage* – Unit #2 and #12 are currently not being used. Do we need a cleaning day? Discussion followed. Janice Zerbe will take pictures and send them to 4-H Leaders to determine which clubs are currently using #2 and #12. *4-H License Plates* – are in design and will be available soon. *4-H Enrollment- September 11* – Encourage members to enroll before November 1 to be included in the drawing. *TSC Paper Clover – November 29 – December 15* – The dates have been moved. TSC will also have collector 4-H ornaments for sale beginning on October 7, 2024.

Unfinished Business: *Fundraising Outcomes and Expectations* – Continue to provide ideas of how we can include communities. Latisha Tomsa suggested selling 5-gallon laundry soap and softener. Janice Zerbe will look into the details. *Fair Passes* – Gary Consford can accommodate coupons; however, he does have concerns. Lots of discussion. There were 314 exhibitors at the 2024 Van Buren Youth Fair. Discussion will continue at the October Leaders Association meeting. *College Scholarship – timeframe* – Some discussion on how long before the scholarship is used. Tod Kubiszak moved to allow two years to use the awarded scholarship from the date of award with a second from Amy Mortimore. Motion carried. *Birthday Kits* –

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Denise Noble will send a list of pantries and which club was assigned to each to Janice Zerbe.

New Business: *Fair Entries* – For the 2024 Van Buren Youth Fair there were 5706 entries at a cost of 45 cents each as well as 6576 carts at 1%. This was a cost of \$2883.01 the fair board paid to show works. We are now recommended to encourage members to sign up for what they think they may bring. The fair board will be approached with a suggestion to limit entries to 100 entries per person. Lots of discussion.

Expansion Review: There will be press coverage for Tractor, Truck or Treat.

Fair Board Update: Annual meeting will be held in October.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – October 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center.

Adjournment: Denis Noble moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Latisha Tomsa. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary

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