

Washtenaw 4-H Advisory Council

Minutes, July 19, 2011

Members present – see sign in sheet

The meeting was called to order by president Judi Gilmore.

The American and 4-H flag pledges were recited.

The minutes from the last meeting were read over and approved.

The treasurer's report was available, but the treasurer was not present. The General Fund balance is \$4933.33; the Memorial Fund balance is \$11,699.39; and the participation fee fund has a balance of \$12,501.97. The report was approved as presented.

Introductions were conducted among those present, both Council members and visitors.

Participation Fee Report – Lanyards were purchased for use at Exploration Days for a cost of \$325.00. Science supplies for Cloverbud Camp were purchased for \$322.63 (a check is needed from Council for these supplies). Livestock Judging Team resources were purchased for \$123.75 – Nancy said she is waiting for an invoice. Outdoor Adventure Challenge Club helmets were purchased for \$305.00 (this is ½ the cost of the helmets).

Old Business

Youth Show Fundraisers – Pizza and BBQ will again be sold at the Youth Show. Pizza sales will be conducted on Monday night from 5:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m. Our cost for the pizzas is \$6.00 and whole pizzas will be sold for \$8.00; one slice for \$1.00. It was decided to order 25 pizzas to start with, and consider ordering another 25 within 30 minutes. Ann Blovits and Kathy Long donated 5 cases of water each for the pizza and BBQ. Ann and Becky Bohnett have coolers for storing the water. Ann volunteered to make signs for the pizza sales for posting on Monday.

Work schedules for volunteers for both the pizza sales and the BBQ were passed around.

The BBQ food license is done (via Chef Alex). A-Frame signs were volunteered by Kathy Taphouse who will get them to Zingerman's for painting. Jackie will check on this. Discussion followed about giving free tickets to Farm Council members and how many tickets that would be. It was decided that no freed tickets would be offered.

Funds from the BBQ will be split 50/50 between the Youth Show account and the 4-H Council, to be used for Youth Education. Discussion with Chef Alex about how to use the funds (because of his donation of time and food) indicated that he was more interested in encouraging farming than in a culinary scholarship award. We will come up with ideas and perhaps discuss with him at a later date.

Council Shirts – they are in and will be available to Council members on Saturday at the Farm Council Grounds.

National 4-H Congress update – no members expressed interest in attending. The deadline has passed for sending in reservations and we sent no money.

Camp Bacon Street Fair – Sponsored by Zingerman's. The Rose family exhibited hogs at the Street Fair and according to Jackie there was a large turnout. Donations to the 4-H program were collected but the amount is not yet known. This money will be allocated to Washtenaw County 4-H. Lots of good food and bacon samples were enjoyed.

Christmas Tree Sale order – we need to reduce the number of trees from what we ordered last year, from 150 to about 100. Jackie has the order form in her office and will look at it later. We will order 30-35 wreaths this year.

Scholarship Committee Report – 10 applications for scholarships were received and 9 were approved for award (1 did not meet criteria). The \$500 scholarships will be paid upon presentation of receipt within 60 days after the start of school. No money will be paid without a receipt.

New Business

Club Challenge Funding – Information is in the newsletter about the 4-H Week Club Display Challenge. After some earlier email discussion, it was decided to fund the challenge prizes as follows: 1st place - \$125; 2nd place - \$75; and 3rd place - \$50.

Youth Show Office volunteers needed – Jackie sent around a sign-up sheet for Youth Show Office volunteers.

Ambassador Applications are now available – they are on the website and are due in the office by October 17, 2011.

After-Fair Meeting – will not be held this year. There will be a suggestion box available for comments and comments will be directed to the appropriate committees. Names and phone numbers will be needed in order to receive follow-up on suggestion.

Small Animal Meat - A reminder for those picking up small animal meat purchased at the Silent Auction – the meat will be available at the Farm Council Grounds on Monday evening between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting date – will be Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Medal awards will be determined. Thursday, November 10, 2011, will be our interview meeting with Ambassador candidates.

Meeting was adjourned.

Jean Martin, Secretary

