

## 4-H Advisory Council

Minutes, 05-19-2011

Present: K. Long, A. Blovits, R. Czapiewski, D. Lewis, L. Gilbert, C. Fischer, J. Gilmore, K. Taphouse, D. Reinhout, J. Hattie, R. Mayville, Jackie Martin, J. Martin

Council members and family members enjoyed a potluck supper prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Judi Gilmore.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited.

The minutes from the last meeting were read over and approved as presented. There was no correspondence.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Balances are as follows: General Fund, \$6017.96; Memorial Fund, \$12,176.39; and Participation Fees, \$12,476.60.

Introductions of council members were made.

Participation Fee Reports: Jackie reported that the Special Needs training would take place this Friday and will be funded by approved participation fees up to \$540. She stated that the actual amount spent would probably be closer to \$200. Printing and 4-H promotional supplies were funded for \$467.70. A Goat Resource book was also purchased with participation fees, costing \$18.75 plus shipping. There are additional requests to be considered after the meeting. One item for consideration as presented by Cindy was for the purchase of a basic leathercraft set that could be loaned out to clubs. The purchase amount was not available. The Participation Fee committee will meet after the meeting to consider requests.

### Old Business

Flower Sale- We sold 100 hanging baskets (53 pre-ordered) for a profit of \$566.80. In 2010, our profit was around \$600 with pre-orders only. Some baskets ending up costing us \$10.00 vs. the \$7.50-\$8.00 we were expecting. Ideas were discussed that might make this a better fundraiser – partnering with a local greenhouse/nursery for a percentage of their profits and checking out [flowerpowerfundraising.com](http://flowerpowerfundraising.com).

Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp – last meeting we were asked to supply a scholarship to the Camp for an exchange student staying with a camper. This request ended up being funded through the State Exchange Program.

Youth Show Fundraisers – BBQ: Chef Alex could not attend meeting tonight but is willing to put on BBQ again. He would appreciate suggestions for a menu or we could do the same thing as last year. He would also like an update on Youth Show funding, so that the profits from the BBQ could directly aid

the 4-H members . Some ideas that were discussed were food and agriculture education, support premiums for 4-H members, establishment of a “4-H Roadhouse Scholarship” to benefit a WCC student studying culinary arts. Jackie will email Chef Alex with these ideas. Jackie, Doug, Kathy Taphouse, and Amanda Taphouse will meet with Chef Alex to discuss the menu.

Pizza Sales : Although we didn’t make much money on the pizza sales last year, the sale seemed to be well received and it is a service to the families who are hauling in animals. Jackie will check with Farm Council about approval for putting on both the pizza sales and the BBQ. We would like to offer pre-orders this year as well. Doug will speak to Domino’s about supplying pizzas again this year.

Council Scholarships – The committee has application forms ready and some kids have already requested them. The forms will be due back by July 1. Kathy L., Judi, Ann, and Doug will review the scholarships for awards. The amount available for distribution will be determined after the deadline. It will need to be based on number of applicants vs. amount of money available. The plan is to distribute a percentage of our general fund.

#### New Business

Council Shirts – Each new council member gets one free shirt; additional shirts can be ordered at a cost of about \$25.00. Other council members can order shirts as well for the \$25.00 fee.

Youth Show Trophy sponsorship – a request was presented for sponsoring 7 awards from our Memorial Fund (designated) for a total of \$140.00. **A motion was made and passed to pay these sponsorships.**

Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp Scholarship – a request was received from Samantha Bellairs for a \$50.00 scholarship to the Natural Resources Camp. **A motion was made and passed to approve this \$50.00 scholarship award.**

Cloverbud Camp Scholarship – a scholarship request was received from a member who would be attending Cloverbud Camp for the last time. **A motion was made and passed to award a \$40.00 scholarship to Cloverbud Camp for this member.**

Tent rental - The Still Projects committee is willing to split the cost of a tent for Youth Show activities and BBQ. After some searching, Jackie found a 20 x 30 ft. tent for \$160.00. Payment will come out of BBQ /pizza funds. **A motion was made and passed to split the cost of this tent with Still Projects committee.**

Camp Bacon Street Fair – To be held on Sunday, July 3, at the Ann Arbor Farmer’s Market. Kirk Rose and family have volunteered to take pigs to the Fair. Jackie attended last year and said it was a great Fair and the donations will go to Washtenaw County 4-H.

National 4-H Congress deposits – We usually send in \$200.00 to reserve 2 spots at National 4-H Congress, held in Atlanta in November. Jackie has no promotional materials yet for this and no youth have expressed an interest. **A motion was made and passed to send in \$200.00 to reserve 2 spots for potential attendees.**

Exploration Days Lanyards – Lewis suggested Council purchase lanyards for our kids to wear during Exploration Days that will make them stand out among the other kids, making it easier to keep track of them. Some discussion followed that these items could be given away at Youth Show, Dairy Quiz Bowl, and other Washtenaw County 4-H activities. **A motion was made and passed to purchase 250 lanyards at a cost of \$325.00 from justlanyards.com.**A stand-out color will be selected.

Christmas Trees – Jean mentioned that we really need to think about our Christmas Tree order as it will need to be sent in by August. Doug Lewis agreed to pick up the trees again and others volunteered to help him. It was mentioned that we should check on prices in this area – a couple of people volunteered to help with this. Perhaps we could get a shipment of trees with another group. The usual sale dates would be December 3 & 4, and December 10 & 11. Jackie will check with Farm Council about selling trees on these dates. It was decided that we should decrease our order from last year - no more than 120 trees (need to remember that we usually get extras from Davis'). We should try to sell wreaths by pre-order before Doug picks up the trees.

Next meeting date will be July 19, 2011, at the Farm Council Grounds. The time of the meeting will be determined before that date.

Meeting adjourned.

Jean Martin, Secretary