

## Advisory Council

Minutes, 10-13-10

Present: A. Blovits, D. Lewis, R. Czapiewski, R. Mayville, Alex Young, Jackie Martin, J. Hattie, C. Taphouse, S. Bater, A. Thomas, B. Bohnett, G. Fischer, C. Fischer, E. Feldkamp, J. Martin

The meeting was called to order by president Doug Lewis.

The American and 4-H flag pledges were recited.

The secretary's report was read over and approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Rob also presented a budget for this coming year. Jackie and Rob said that we needed to advertise that participation fee money is available for use.

**Correspondence** – Doug read a thank-you letter from the 4-H Foundation for our sponsorship of the Vet Science award at State awards (Doug presented the award). Deb Luckhardt sent us a thank-you for her plaque and roses at Youth Show. David Reynhout sent us a thank-you for our part in sponsoring his trip to National 4-H Congress. Jean also read thank you's from 4 kids for sponsorship of Youth Show awards.

### Old Business

**National Congress** – Melissa Cousino and Courtney Cook will be attending National 4-H Congress this year.

**BBQ Review** – Good profit made from BBQ; carry out containers would be nice for next year. We had a short discussion of how this money will be split with Service Club and Farm Council and what we can do with the money. Chef Alex expressed an interest in doing a BBQ again next year – we will need table covers so that people can sit and eat. More help is also needed from Council members for next year's BBQ. Still Projects is willing to split the cost of a tent with us again next year and Deb Luckhardt may have a lead on tent rental.

**Pizza** – Small profit was made, but pizzas were much appreciated by those who were waiting for weigh-in of pigs. Perhaps next year pre-orders can be taken with Council taking the lead in getting the pre-order information to our vendor. NOTE – All water sold at BBQ and Pizza sale was donated by Blovits' family.

**Christmas Tree Sale** – Order has been placed and Doug will pick up as in years past. Lodi Food Mart has expressed an interest in having us sell trees at the store. After some discussion, we decided that without a covered area, it was not practical to sell trees there. We will unload/set up trees on Sunday after Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Council grounds.

**Profits from Fundraisers to Farm Council** – This was a lengthy discussion. Farm Council Charter says that they will provide space for the Youth Show. Apparently some comments heard at Youth Show were derogatory toward Farm Council employees. We need to develop a partnership with the Farm Council for Youth Show. The Farm Council has raised the idea of a volunteer Fair Board (made up of F.C. members) who would help coordinate the Youth Show. Farm Council membership costs \$3.00 per year/\$50.00 lifetime and their annual meeting is in January. **Motion: We will give Farm Council 20% of**

**profits from Youth Show fundraisers (to go into Youth Show account) and table further discussion on this topic until our next meeting.**

### **New Business**

**Cover Contest** – We will judge cover contest entries next month. Jackie said that Farm Council has sponsored the awards for this contest in the past, but she asked if we would consider taking over sponsoring the awards as we are the judges. **Motion was made and passed to allocate \$60.00 for cover contest awards.**

**National 4-H Week Club Challenge** – This year there were only 3 entries probably because we didn't advertise it until right before Youth Show. We will sponsor this again next year with advertising for it to begin in March.

**2008 National 4-H Congress non-payment** – A youth who was scheduled to attend National 4-H Congress in 2008 dropped out at the last minute. This 4-H youth and her family have moved to Ohio since then. Her bill for Congress has not yet been paid ( \$875.00 for airline ticket, registration, etc), despite multiple calls and letters to the family. In 2008, there was no statement on the forms that made the member responsible for payment of the bill if they did not attend Congress. After some discussion, **a motion was made and passed to pay this bill as needed ; the family will still be encouraged to accept responsibility.**

**Upcoming Still Projects workshop** – Elaine said that Still Projects committee will be sponsoring a workshop in January that will involve some projects with \$10-15 fees attached to them. She would like Council to help with these costs (scholarships or otherwise) if needed so that multiple family members could attend. During discussion, it was determined that if we sponsor the workshop we could use participation fee monies for it and reducing costs for everyone, instead of sifting through individual scholarships applications. **A motion was made and passed to help with sponsorship of this workshop in some way, but more budget/attendance information is necessary.**

**Cloverbud Camp quilt receipts** – Fabric for quilts was purchased for cloverbud camp and the receipts were presented for payment. This was approved at an earlier meeting and a reminder was given that since this was a community service project, we could pay \$100 maximum.

**Participation Fee Payment** – this year's participation fee payment is due December 1. Jackie will work with Rob to get a check sent off.

**Awards Program and Menu** – This year's recognition program is set for Sunday, January 30, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. Elaine would like to offer a light lunch (sloppy joes, chips, fruit, cookies) instead of popcorn and cookies. She has put in a request to Meijer's for assistance and a council member suggested trying Sam's Club as well as they meet monthly to consider requests. **A motion was made and passed to table this discussion until our next meeting in order to have a better idea of outside sponsorships and budget needed.**

**Medal Awards** – we reviewed our medal award nominations and selected awardees. There was much discussion about the nomination form and whether or not parent signatures were allowed as leaders. A consensus was reached that we would not disqualify nominees if their parents signed the form. Some forms were disqualified for incompleteness. Due to the differing opinions on this subject we will review this form at an upcoming meeting.

**Ambassador Interviews for November meeting** - we will meet on Monday, November 22, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. to conduct ambassador interviews. Doug, Roxanne, Shannon, Ashley will do the initial interviews.

**Upcoming meetings** – Monday, November 22, 2010, 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

**Other New Business** – Roxanne requested a scholarship to help pay registration at a horse judging conference coming up in November. She did not have her request form available and we will consider her request at our next meeting, with reimbursement as necessary.