

Advisory Council  
Minutes, 03-24-09

Members Present: R. Czapiewski, A. Thomas, J. Gilmore, R. Mayville, M. Summerville, A. Blovits, D. Luckhardt, A. Dauer, K. Rose, D. Dicks, M. Rogers, J. Hattie, D. Lewis, J. Martin, C. Fischer, Jackie Martin.

Many guests were present at our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Introductions were presented all around. A presentation of what the Advisory Council is and does was presented by Jackie and Doug Lewis. A question was asked about the difference in National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference. Jackie talked about those two national 4-H meetings and Doug mentioned that his son, Steven, will be making a presentation to the Council at our next meetin about his attendance at National 4-H Congress.

Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were approved with the correction that Deb Luckhardt and Jane Hattie are appointees to the Council for this year.

The treasurer's report was presented with the following balances: Checking \$3135.49, Savings at \$19,948.58, and Memorial Fund \$9784.31.

Participation Fee Committee – a request for Horse Judging resources was recently approved and some items have been received but some others cancelled. The horse judging leader thanked the Council and committee for their new resources. The committee has 2 requests that will need to be considered tonight.

#### Old Business

4-H Week Club Challenge – October 4-10, 2009. Jackie presented guidelines for the National 4-H Week club challenge. Cash prizes will be awarded of \$200, \$100, and \$50. No changes were made to the guidelines and so they were handed out at the meeting.

Hanging Basket Sale – Kirk Rose sent around a rough draft of an order form for hanging baskets pre-sale. Jackie said that the Farm Council is holding a Farm Fest on May 2 with an auction, flea market, tractor pulling, etc. Farm Council offered us a table (\$50 charge) at Farm Fest to sell some baskets from. After some discussion, **a motion was made and passed to approve \$50.00 for a flea market table at Farm Fest to sell hanging baskets.** We will park a trailer by the road with baskets for those who have pre-paid. We will need to staff 2 areas – Jackie put together a sign up sheet for working at either the table or the trailer. Some changes were made to the pre-order form and it will posted on-line in the weekly update. Pre-orders will be due by April 20. The form will need to be printed off and filled out then sent in. Clubs should not take orders and send one check as this will have to be accounted for in their audit at the end of the year; families and individuals should fill out a form and send it in. If we have baskets leftover, we will sell them on May 9/10 at Spring Roundup and/or the Spur show.

Project RED – The evening event will be Wednesday, April 29, starting about 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help and should be at the Farm Council Grounds by about 6:30 p.m. Email Jackie if you are available to help on this evening. Volunteers are also needed for the daytime event, April 28, 29, and 30.

Drainage Project Update – Judi Gilmore said that the total collected for the project is \$2170.00 Five thousand to seven thousand dollars is the expected cost of this project. Clubs who exhibit livestock are encouraged to support this project.

#### New Business

Youth Show BBQ – Hotel Hickman is not available to put on the BBQ at the Youth Show. Suggestions were taken for another vendor. Doug Lewis will ask for pricing from these other vendors and we will probably have to meet again in order to decide. The Council BBQ is scheduled for Friday, July 31 at the Youth Show.

By-Laws Changes – In Article I, Section 1, the age listed as a minimum to serve on the Advisory Board is 15. Since we have asked Ambassadors to become Council members, it was recommended that we drop the age to 13. Under Civil Rights, we added the following (as per MSUE Civil Rights Policy) “...family status or veteran status.” Article I, Section 2: “...until successors have been elected.” It was recommended that we add “...or appointed.” There was a discussion of whether or not we keep our district divisions. At this time, it was decided that they should be kept as is. Article I, Sec. 3: “...no member can be elected for more than 2 consecutive terms.” Our appointees are “at large”; people wanting to stay on the Council after their election term may be an appointee.

Bill Ames Memorial – 4-H has received \$570 in memory of Bill Ames. The family has put no restrictions on the use of this money. Nancy Thelen suggested something in the sheep, dairy, or livestock area. After some discussion it was felt a donation toward the livestock gates would be appropriate. It will cost \$250 - \$300 in order to have your name on the sign. Jackie will check on the donation cost and we will try to do this before Youth Show.

State Awards and Mark of Excellence update – Two Washtenaw County teens have made it through the regional interviews for State Awards. One group – the Vet Science club – has also applied. They would appreciate some practice with the interview process – Doug Lewis volunteered to help them. Out of 5 Mark of Excellence essays, two members were chosen to have their papers sent to the next competitive step – Alison McLean and Allison Melcher.

Scholarship Request for Capitol Experience – Chana asked that we consider 3 requests for financial support for 4-H members to attend Capitol Experience. After reviewing the applications, it was noticed that one person is outside Washtenaw County age limits (although still within state guidelines). **A motion was made and passed that we**

**approve \$50.00 for each of the 2 remaining scholarship requestors, providing they have submitted appropriate paperwork as 4-H members.**

Club Closing – the Yellowjackets club is closing and a majority of its members transferring to another club. They asked for their club funds to be transferred to Carousel Riders or to the Horse Leaders Board. **A motion was made and passed to transfer club funds of \$204.95 to the Horse Leader’s Board from the Yellowjackets Club.**

Cloverbud Camp – Cindy and Elaine are putting on a Cloverbud Day Camp on June 16-18, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Camp counselors are needed to help. All children will be allowed to apply to the camp, which is limited to 24 campers. Registration forms are in the Network News and will be in the Ann Arbor News as well.

Coloring Books for Youth Show – Elaine asked that we approved printing of coloring books from the cover contest entries to be handed out at the Activities tent during Youth Show. **A motion was made and passed to allow \$100 for printing the cover contest coloring books.**