

Advisory Council  
Minutes, 05-13-09

Members Present: A. Thomas, M. Rogers, D. Lewis, C. Fischer, E. Feldkamp, J. Gilmore, R. Mayville, M. Summerville, A. Blovits, J. Martin, D. Luckhardt, and family members.

Prior to the meeting, a potluck supper was enjoyed by everyone present. Cindy and Elaine offered pulled pork sandwiches that we may consider for our BBQ at the Youth Show.

Nancy Thelen asked to be moved forward in the agenda in order to attend another meeting. Nancy thanked the Project RED volunteers. She announced that due to state budget constrictions, fair premiums have been eliminated from the Michigan Department of Agriculture budget for 2009 and 2010. MDA provides about 70% of funding for premiums for state fairs. Washtenaw Farm Council has not yet decided what they will do about premiums this year. Nancy also presented some details on county budget concerns. There will be a County Board of Commissioners meeting on June 3. She provided handouts on the impact of MSU Extension services to county residents.

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Luckhardt.

Flag pledges were recited.

Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were read over and approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

Participation Fee committee met after the last Council meeting and agreed to fund Rabbit Educational Resources to add to Learning Lab. There was also an announcement that, due to the economy, the state 4-H office is considering loosening restrictions on how county's can spend Participation Fee funds.

#### Old Business

Flower Sale – it looks like we profited about \$1000 from the flower sale. We discussed ideas for next year in order to be able to sell more baskets and make it easier for people to access us.

BBQ Update – Cindy bought pulled pork from Gordon Foods and served it for our potluck. A tray of pulled pork, which serves 16 people, is priced at \$19.99 (although it may be able to be bought for less). Jerome Country market is asking \$5.89 a pound for pulled pork. Cindy has figured that we could serve BBQ at the Youth Show (sandwich, beans, chips, cookie) for \$2.20/plate. In order to meet food service guidelines, we need a contact person to meet with the food department, \$65.00 for a permit, and we need to maintain temperature in roasters for beans and pork at 135 degrees. **A motion was made**

**and passed to serve Cindy's menu for the Council BBQ at the Youth Show.**

Roxanne Mayville volunteered to be the contact person and Doug Lewis will be the on-site person for the BBQ.

4-H Congress presentation – Steven Lewis presented the Advisory Council with his impressions of the National 4-H Congress, 2008.

Bill Ames Memorial – We will give \$150 for Bill's name to be placed on the gate donation banner, as well as the cost of having the name printed on the banner. It is also recommended that we replace the traveling Girbach Memorial Trophy with the Bill Ames Memorial Trophy with 12 engraveable plaques (\$80-100). Remaining monies can be used to sponsor ribbons/trophies for the sheep area, particularly breeding stock as that was Bill's forte. **A motion was made and passed to approve the above spending of Bill Ames' memorial monies.**

Constitution and By-Laws review – since no one brought their copies of the by-laws/constitution, review of these was tabled until September meeting. Deb will send a reminder to us all to bring our paperwork to that meeting.

Invoices to pay – Invoices were presented for payment: corrugated signs, food for Recognition Program, and the pulled pork used at tonight's dinner. **A motion was made and passed to pay these invoices.**

### **New Business**

4-H Congress Reservations – No information has been sent from the State 4-H office, but reservations are usually due around the end of May. We don't have any interested teens as yet, and the \$100 deposit is non-refundable (we usually reserve 2 spots). After some discussion, we decided not to send in reservations for this year and instead promote 4-H Congress for next year.

Office volunteers for Youth Show – Cindy and Elaine have asked to have volunteers help out in the 4-H office during Youth Show, mostly answering the phone and answering people's questions. A sign-up sheet was sent around. Anyone is welcome to help out here.

Youth Show T-Shirts Available – the Horse Leaders board is coordinating the sale of 4-H Youth Show T-Shirts and the cost is \$10.00. The T-shirts are all-encompassing and are available to all 4-H members.

Trophy Sponsorships for 2009 Youth Show – A list of trophy sponsorships was presented that are usually paid out of Memorial funds. A total of 7 sponsorships was presented and after a quick check, it was determined that funds are available for all sponsorships. **A motion was made and passed to pay the trophy sponsorships out of appropriate memorial funds.**

Upcoming meeting dates – Our July meeting will be held at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 21. The time will be determined later and sent to Council members. We will need to discuss our Christmas Tree order at the July meeting. Our October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, and County Medal nominations will be considered. November 11 (Wednesday) will be Ambassador interviews.