

Still Projects Meeting  
Minutes, February 19, 2009

Present: P. Sarlitto, J. Martin, E. Feldkamp, R. Broesamle, L. Rich, M. Teachout, C. Taphouse, K. Kanitz

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Pam Sarlitto.

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

Old Business

Youth Show Registration: Pre-registration forms and a new \$2.00 per member Youth Show registration fee will be collected during the week of June 22 at the Farm Council Grounds.

Recognition Program: wonderful attendance; Sunday afternoon seems to be a good time to hold this program and “cookies and punch reception” was also well received.

Fiber Art Workshop: 33 people attended and generally good comments.

Fun with Fabric workshop: Only 12 people had registered so Elaine cancelled the workshop, but then 5 registrations came in late. Elaine will make patterns available from the workshop to those who want them.

New Business

Civil Rights Policy and Procedures review: Elaine read a statement and gave everyone a handout on the annual MSU Civil Rights policy presentation.

Natural Resources Workshop – Registrations are due on March 2 for the March 14 workshop. Currently 13 people have registered. One session (Simply Plants) is cancelled. Another session (Toad Houses) is full.

Youth Show: New for this year is the Tomato Growing contest (non-premium). This will be judged Monday at 3:30 p.m. Elaine handed out contest guidelines.

The largest vegetable contest will be held in place of the tree-growing contest. The chosen vegetable is **cabbage** and the contest will be judged on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. We developed simple guidelines for this contest – any variety, grown by exhibitor; cabbage head only should be displayed and it should be exhibition ready; no decorations or additions to the cabbage.

Creative vegetable contest will be held on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Judging Procedures for Still Projects: Elaine handed out Still Projects General rules which will be added to the Youth Show book. These procedures have always been in place and usually given in the Fair packets to leaders.

Still Projects Judging times for Monday: Due to animal haul-in's being done on Sunday, Elaine thought that we may consider moving our judging start time back to 10:00 a.m. to allow time to clean tables and put up signs. After some discussion, it was decided to keep judging times the same; committee members should be there a little earlier on Monday in order to help with set-up. Lynn also said that, in general, trailers can be routed away from building B.

Cover Contest Board for Fair: Cathy Taphouse volunteered to put together the Cover Contest display board for Youth Show.

Information Table for WFC at Youth Show: Lynn would like to set up a display/information board for Washtenaw Farm Council at the Youth Show. Elaine thought that it could be placed at the front of Building A along with the MSUE board.

Building A daily closure: Lynn would like to have a set time to lock building A during Fair. After some discussion it was decided that 10:00 p.m. would be closure time. This will be posted in the building during Youth Show.

Building A Design: Elaine said that there are a lot of new clubs again this year (many spun off from old clubs) and Still Project building set-up/design will need to be completed as soon as possible after registrations are received. Pam and Elaine usually work on this.

2010 Fair Recommendations: Requests have come in from leaders for changes in a couple of areas. After some discussion, the following changes to the 2010 Fair were approved: 2 entries will be allowed in "Still Projects – Other" area. The "Ewe Lead with Wool" contest will be changed to include other fibers (angora, alpaca, wool, etc.). Requirements for exhibition will need to be developed. Jr. Livestock committee runs this show, but perhaps they will allow Still Projects committee to assist them with this change.

Spring Achievement, 2009: Leader packets went out on 2-13. Website has portfolio, registration forms and class descriptions. Exhibitors are required to register themselves again this year. The theme for Spring Achievement will be "Shoot for the Stars". Cathy and Amanda Taphouse will work on decorations and let us know what help they may need. Chairpersons are as follows: Woodworking, Cindy; Clothing/Sewn Non-wearables/Knitting, crocheting, Needlework registration, Jean; Modeling Practice/Style Revue, Pam and Jean; Wall Hanging/Recyclables/Papercraft registration and judging, Karen and Mary; Tabulations, Mary, Elaine, Cindy; Backstage Awards, Pam; Information Table, Ruth. Cathy offered her help wherever it was needed. The talent show this year will not be judged – competitors will present their talent at intermission during the Style Revue.

There is a scheduled volleyball tournament at the school so we will hold all judging in the east and southeast hallways/rooms. The auditorium will not be available for practice/decoration until 3:00 p.m. There will be no mini-stations this year. There are leftover cookies from the Recognition program that can be used as snacks for the judges; Pam also volunteered to bring in a veggie/fruit platter as well. Elaine will ask Jackie to be the emcee for the program and fit the ambassadors in as necessary. Jean informed Elaine that the Advisory Council has budgeted approximately \$500 for the Spring Achievement program to help with building rental, etc. Since we have promoted this program since Youth Show 2008, there is no minimum number of participants that would prompt cancellation.

Other information: Elaine announced a Cloverbud Camp for June 16-18. 5-8 year olds will be attendees, and 4-H or non-4-H kids are welcome. A maximum of 24 campers will be allowed.

Next meeting scheduled for April 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Any Spring Achievement issues will be dealt with by email.

Jean Martin, Secretary