

Still Projects Meeting  
Minutes, 04-21-09

Present: R. Broesamle, P. Sarlitto, E. Bader, J. Martin, C. Taphouse, E. Feldkamp

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam Sarlitto.

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

Old Business

Spring Achievement Review: Talent Acts were fine (7 registered, 5 performed). Evening award distribution went well, although perhaps more honor awards could have been given out in Clothing Construction. One comment that the Beginner/Young sewing judges were too critical. We need a separate Cloverbud judge (or 2) who could also judge sewn non-wearables or other items. We also need to look at the definition of needlework vs. quilting (quilters were called up for needlework awards after they had already received quilting awards). Re-designed Garment needs to specify that the item is a wearable (we only had one wearable item in this category and several bags). New ribbons were fine for talent show, Cloverbud, and Style Revue. We should probably shorten the time-frame between end of judging and beginning of program. Elaine asked that we review all sewing areas in the fall for changes in next year's fair book. It was also decided that we should sponsor a sewing workshop should be held for Leader's, parents, and teens in the fall (Sunday, November 1). New project ideas for next year – Photography (8x10), Party planning/entertaining (this may be entered under Foods and Nutrition section of Fair book), perhaps a couple of others.

New Business

Spring Achievement: A couple of comments from people attending asked that we bring back Photography and also said that the focus of workshops seemed to be geared more toward girls vs. boys. We try to do our best in this area. Also, could use some signs in areas saying "no parents beyond this point."

Youth Show: Elaine needs recommendations for judges in all areas for Youth Show. The Activities Tent will be running again this year at Youth Show and any and all helpers and crafts are invited. We reviewed superintendents for the Tomato Contest (Cindy), Appetizer Contest (Jean), Vegetable Art (hopefully Karen), Largest Vegetable-Cabbage (Pam). Pam and Elaine will need to work hard to put together the building layout this year for Still Projects, with many new clubs exhibiting. Independent clubs and/or members will be invited to display their items in a designated area where they would not need to decorate a table. There was also a suggestion that we have a "contest" with recyclables where participants are given some items and asked to make something out of it (similar to wall hanging challenge).

Workshops for Fall and Winter: This is the year for Projects Galore. Elaine has suggestions for unisex crafts such as Entomology, Bird House Building, Leathercraft, Fly-tying, Fish Bobbers, "Wilson" ball, Paper Photo cube/lunch bag photo album, "A man, A can, and A meal". These projects could be incorporated into Projects Galore or in another workshop. Other ideas for Projects Galore are Baskets, Chair caning, fabric bowls, pop-can lamp, Recyclables/Natural Resources. Lots of things to think about and dates need to be set.

Family Game Day, Winter, 2010: A Sunday afternoon in February was thought to be a good date (Friday was suggested, but that is basketball season). Perhaps the Grange would be willing to host this. We could do square/line dancing upstairs and games downstairs. Elaine will talk to the Grange contacts.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Jean Martin, Secretary