**4-H Leaders Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**December 18th 2014**

**6:30pm @ Ozaukee County Administration Center-Room#118**

**This meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. In attendance were Jody Brzezinski, Kathy Butler, Lynn Neumann, Bob Eichner, Diane Pfaffenroth, Teri Mejchar, Peter Kerr, Mindy Knepprath and Michelle Kringel. Sue Karolczek, Calvin Brice, Roger Knepprath, Jessie Schoessow and Rachel Gierach were absent.**

**The treasurer’s report was sent to Kathy Butler and Bob Eichner from Aaron Brown. A motion to place the treasurer’s report on file was made by Lynn Neumann and seconded by Jody Brezezinski.**

**Another order for tee-shirts will be placed. The cost of these tee-shirts will be $10.00 each. Jay Road has new members who joined Ozaukee County 4H from Sheboygan County.**

**Diane Pfaffenroth gave information to Kathy Butler that she has yet to be reimbursed for the Jamboree. Diane was told to contact Aaron Brown directly. Everything should be submitted to board if it is not in the budget for approval.**

**The Class B License hadn’t been paid for yet.**

**As far as tee-shirt orders in the future the cost will be $10.00 each with a minimum order of 12 tee-shirts.**

**The .22 Rifle project purchased 4,500 rounds of ammunition. Eric Hackert found them at Gander Mountain on Black Friday.**

**Diane Pfaffenroth will be bring the I.F.Y. tickets to the January Leaders Board meeting. She did share that there haven’t been a lot of donations yet that could be printed on the tickets. She said that Sarah Reimer, Alyssa and Conner Newell would be donating.**

**The air rifle project will be going to Washington County.**

**Centennial Historical Committee will be meeting shortly before or after the first of 2015.**

**The Older Youth Crew held a planning meeting tonight at the youth building on the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. The youth who show up will also be participating in a white elephant gift exchange. The Older Youth Crew is also looking for more Advisors they are looking for adults who are not member’s parents. There needs to be one adult advisor for every 20 youth. Requirements are that for any overnight activities they need to be 21years old and be trained as leaders. For trips to events such as Helium Trampoline park Calvin would meet the requirement because it is not an overnight event. The group is looking to take on more community service projects. It should be presented to the youth as did you think of this… not necessarily all of group will come up with these ideas. An example was when the idea came up to take a bus to trampoline if they got enough members to participate. There was a discussion of current Older Youth Crew Advisors Jamie Nevins and Rick Roden. Also the previous leaders of the Older Youth Program Dick & Peggy Brown and Marge & Clarence Grasse. Any ideas Lauren Pfaffenroth and or any others prior 4H members who would now be in their late 20’s to early 30’s.**

**FUNDRASIER IDEAS Pam King brought up the idea of Breakfast with the Easter Bunny? Lynn said that she has access to a bunny costume. Brenda Mueller was all for the idea. Jody Brzezinski brought up the idea of chicks, rabbits and a hand wash station. $5.50 kids $7.50 adults Includes: (Pancackes, sausage, applesauce, milk, juice and coffee.) Dave Salkowski can do pancakes at $1.00 a severing. To be held at the Ozaukee Pavilion South animals outside.**

**The Bunny Brunch would also be used as a 4H Outreach to the Community. As part of the Expansion & Review Peter Kerr and Teri Mejchar will help out.**

**In the past, a few Pastors, librarians, along with other groups aimed at helping youth teamed up at the YMCA in Saukville. As a result this is how the Pinewood Derby started. These events are trying to target the underserved communities in the county. There are 16,999 youth in Ozaukee County. There are currently 638 in Ozaukee County 4H which is about 3% of the population. If parity is reached 1.6 % and .5% African American we would need to triple it. As of the last sign up for 4H 27 people are listed as some other race also 32 didn’t fill it out at all in Ozaukee. We are subject to a Civil Rights Review every 3 years the next one will be in October 2015. Teri Mejchar has done Nursing reviews. The University Extension has a nifty map which shows Belgium’s migrate workers. It also shows the Jail population and Mequon not low income diversity.**

**Jody Brzezinski does Easter for kids at her Church. They do crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt.**

**The costs of similar events were as follow: The Milwaukee County Zoo $15.00 a person, Apple Holler and St. Francis. The Watts Tea Room $25.00.**

**The Easter Bunny is not religious. However we decided not to take our chances. As a result The Bunny Brunch was created. Teri Mejchar and Peter Kerr volunteered to get things going. Many dates were discussed due to Easter being early this coming year April 5th, 2015. Palm Sunday is also a day in which is a Conformation Day at many Churches. In addition our 4H calendar is pretty full including The Tri- County Shoot and Variety Show.**

**We will aim for the help of the 4H youth to help us put on this event. Peter Kerr said that we should target the youth that would benefit from this. We would get free tickets to those we feel would benefit from this. The people in Belgium which are scattered. Also by contacting Social Services and Big Brothers & Big Sisters. They would be able to be the trusted people inside who would know where best to distribute these. Pam King will back this. Lynn Neumann said a special flier or coupon. Mindy Knepprath thinks everyone has great ideas. Bob Eichner explained coupons are the way of the world advanced sales only. Then we would keep however many seats that we will add in extra to cover these coupons which would be given to our target areas. This would help so we wouldn’t run out of pancakes. How many eggs might we need 60 dozen? We would put out also to the Ozaukee Directors Network. After much more discussion due to Peter Kerr being out of the country, Pheasants Forever Banquet, the involvement of 150 4H youth in the Tri-County Shoot & the Variety Show Auditions and Variety Show itself the set up would be Friday March 27th and the Bunny Brunch Event Saturday March 28th,2015.**

**The committee to get this event up and running is: Kathy Butler, Peter Kerr, Diane Pfaffenroth, and Lynn Neumann.**

**Kathy Butler gave out a reminder that the deadline for the application for the Haunt Scholarship is February 1st 2015.**

**Kathy Butler will be out of the office from December 22 through December 29th 2014. You can use the drop box on north side in the middle of the building near the center door it’s a brown mailbox.**

**Jody Brzezinski said that we need to add money to the budget for the Fall Forum to be held November 6-8- 2015. It will be held at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Until this year each county was allowed to send only two youth and two adults. All are now welcome who would like to participate. Cost is $75.00 for youth, $100.00 for adults, Lodging is $25.00 for a shared room.**

**Brenda Mueller is now on the Adult Leadership Counsel. She will serve for the two years remaining on the State opening.**

**If we have enough people going we could get a bus. Lynn Neumann was wondering how much do we cover towards the expense? 25%? It was also stated that youth that went on this Fall Forum couldn’t use the waterpark until the event was concluded on Sunday. It was felt that each club should have the say in who goes and doesn’t. Each club can send up to half of the youth that is in grades 8th through 12th. The officers of the club would have first chance to go. We currently have 180 youth that fall into this category. We currently will need to discuss this more and will need to make a motion on it before the new budget.**

**Bob Eichner needs to be certified for the Clover Café.**

**We need to get more recruitment from our clubs to help. Many clubs hands makes the work lighter for all.**

**Bowling sign up has the most openings is the 2:30pm time slot.**

**Bowling team for Executive Board are Aaron Brown, Bob Eichner, Roger Knepprath and Diane Pfaffenroth.**

**We all read the renewal that Tom Maeux sent back to us with no changes. Lynn Neumann made a motion that Jody Brzezniski signs the rental agreement with Ozaukee County regarding the usage of the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds including other properties owned by them. Michelle Kringel seconded the motion all present were in favor. Jody Brzezinski signed the agreement.**

**The Horse and Pony Project wants a few changes those are being addressed separately. Leaders Association $350 Horse & Pony $750 Rents paid elect deductible $735 credit so $ 14.30 for the year.**

**Kohl’s Association in action we have received $4000.**

**We would like to make The Ozaukee County Board as friend of 4H- Fair Board individual.**

**Refreshments $500.**

**Jumping Country $500. (muffins& juice)**

**Camp Awana in Fredonia Is where a Weekend Lock-in is held in late January or early February this event earns $1500. One Waubeka and 30-40 Holy Cross members participate. They go snow tubing.**

**Kohl’s gave 5 or 5.5 Million dollars so far. Competition between stores employees Grafton is # 2 all they need is 5 employees to contribute 3 hours to each event. #1 store is Point Loomis in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Ask Kohl’s for the Bunny Brunch. It will also be good to reach out to Roedens and Melichars.**

**There will be 15 youth traveling one more was to be going on the American Spirit Trip but they had to back out of the trip due to having to be responsible for $1110. In the event that someone would break a leg or have a similar issue resulting in not being able to go.**

**Kathy Butler has looked into Trip insurance and has found something called Travel Guard for $52.00 which would cover 100% expenses and return trip.**

**Do we need to set a percentage on how much we give to youth going on a trip like IFY?**

**We are looking into how much to give to a youth who is going on one of the trips this coming 2015 year. There were concerns brought up due to the lack of Leadership responsibilities that haven’t been sought out in the 2 years that this youth has been in 4H. It was noted that this youth did also bring up in their interview to go on this trip that it was the reason they joined 4H. It was also suggested that this youth sign a reminder agreement to bring it to the youth’s attention that they is required to sell so many IFY Raffle Tickets. This youth is also required to solicit prizes for the raffle. That they must help the night of the raffle itself. Also this youth and their family has the ongoing responsibility to participate in the required 3 year future fundraising for the IFY program. It has been brought to our attention that this youth has learned the language that is present in the country they will be going to. This youth taught themselves. There is also concern that she wouldn’t do the required presenting what she learned to the clubs. The youth is also to display a Presentation of the trip taken for the 2015 Ozaukee County Fair. This youth will be going to college the fall of 2015 in Texas. This youth and the youth who had to back out of the American Spirit Trip belong to the same family. This youth’s family also made them wait until they reached the age of 18. The trip costs $4,500. This youth is required to do Fundraising they will need to recruit others to help with this. Some of the suggestions are to have carwashes, rake lawns, working at the 4H Dance, shovel snow or anything else creative they may come up with. The 4H Foundation gives $800. The IFY gives 30%. The Leaders Association gives 15%. We are looking at $1000. We have approved this youth and not a definite amount. We have at this time approved this youth however this youth still has to go through the State interview.**

**This subject has also brought to our attention that other families have not met their family requirements to the IFYE Program. It is required by December 15th to give a list of raffle items which have been collected to be printed on the raffle tickets. Also 6-8 families haven’t fulfilled their required commitments to the IFY program. Which has resulted in just a few prior families keeping this program running, who’s children have been out of the project for some time. IFY will meet with the youth and their family in January 2015. The date is not set yet according to Diane Pfaffenroth. We really need to find a way to keep these families involved, it isn’t fair to the families who have been stuck doing this long past their commitment time.**

**We need to look into a publicity committee to bring more attention to everything we are involved in. Mindy Knepprath said that she would look into Facebook pages. Lynn Neumann has a friend at the News Graphic. The News Graphic sends out a newsletter. The Ag Review / Wisconsin Counties Booklet.**

**We would also continue to submit items to the Sounder. We feel we need a Youth point of view.**

**Kathy Butler presents PIGGY BANKS FOUNDATION when filled with loose change $57.00. The clubs can have a monthly weigh in in a zip-lock. This will keep clubs feeding it. Pigs going to market 82 piggy banks going to Cloverleaf 4H club. How many pigs will come back and all change raised will go into the change wagon at the county fair.**

**It is suggested that we meet in some of the other locations the Leaders Association didn’t care to meet at Lasata again. Some of the other meeting places suggested were Riveredge, Hawthorn Hills-Youth Camp and Camp Awana-Little Kohler.**

**Badger State Buddies Books are to be placed in the area libraries.**

**Theinsville & Mequon - Jody Brzezinski**

**Saukville – Diane Pfaffenroth**

**Belgium, Port Washington- Kathy Butler**

**Cedarburg – Kathy Butler she will be also puting up a special display**

**Scan – copy Bob Eichner on it. Aaron Brown is still fine with receiving and writng checks. Bob Eichner will give treasures report at the meetings.**

**Calendars what to do with them? It was suggested to use them as prizes at Communication Fest. Cookbooks 1 left. Cows 25ish left from 100. Order less calendars next year.**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Eichner and seconded by Lynn Neumann. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by Michelle Kringel - Secretary**