

January 13, 2014

Meeting called to order: 6:33 pm

Present: Joan Wimme, Kelly Carlson, Michelle Kimmes, Sonya Blair, Jeanette Rantala, Pat Luostari, Scott Luostari, , Hannah Lier, Nicole Greely, Lorrie Gunnerson, Katie Stenroos, Nola Stenroos, Sheila Filmore, Patty Lier, Jenny Kroll, Clorissa Kroll, Lisa Soyring

Old Business:

Minutes from November meeting read by Patty Lier. Approved by Lorrie Gunnerson, 2nd by Nola Stenroos.

Treasurer report: December beginning balance, \$28,460.91, deposit \$656.15, expenses \$1808.19, interest \$1.06, ending balance \$27,309.93.

January beginning balance: \$27,309.93, deposits \$458.33 from United Way, expenses \$355.70, interest \$1.07, ending balance \$27,413.63.

Treasurer report approved by Pat Luostari, 2nd by Jenny Kroll.

New Business:

Upcoming Events and Meetings reviewed. Changes made – there will be 5-6 projects for project night instead of the usual due to fewer people attending project night. Art Lab in Wis. Dells will not have any attendants from Douglas County this year. Family Tubing/Ski Day will be held at Spirit Mountain instead of the listed Mont Du Lac. Added to the events will be the Beef Association fund raiser planned for February 22.

Leader Project/Request Katie Stenroos: Katie will be traveling to Washington DC with the college 4H group March 23 to 25 and is requesting a contribution towards her \$600 air fare from Minneapolis. It was recommended to provide Katie with \$500 from the funds towards her air fare. She will need to provide a slide presentation for a group upon her return per policy. Pat Luostari made motion to provide the funds, 2nd motion made by Patty Lier. Motion carried.

Discussion/Approval of 2013-2014 budget: Discussion: Gateway Academy needs to be added to budget. Motion made to use money from Citizenship Washington Focus

which will not be used as there will not be any Douglas County youth going this year, and apply that towards instructor/supply fees. \$1500 made available (\$1200 for instructors, \$300 for supplies) and hopefully, 10-12 youth will be able to attend for \$50 fee. If less than 9 youth attend, only one instructor needed. Motion made by Jeanette and 2nd by Pat Luostari to approve funds. Motion carried.

A few questions on the budget were brought up: It appears that the Superior Days is under budget. There will be 3-4 youth going this year. Citizen Washington Focus is over budget, no youth going this year. Space camp will have 3 youth. Camps will need more funding. Outside buys were questioned as to what that really mean. Budget motioned for approval by Pat Luostari and 2nd by Jeannette Rantala. Motion carried.

Approval of budget. Plan to discuss next year's budget in May and approve in June.

4H-Centennial: Katie Stenroos is involved at the 4H state fair August 5th. Question brought up about having a centennial committee to plan something at the local fair and community wide like an ice cream social or something of that nature.

Club Charter and IRS update: All club charters are in and reviewed. Some minor changes were made and everything good for another year.

Fair Updates: Scott Luostari provided update. A letter from the new fair group should arrive in the mail to announce who is involved and when the fair will be. The fair secretary will tentatively be Sonya Blair again. There may be a carnival next year but it may not be the same week as the fair is scheduled. It could be a week later. It was brought up that the 4H does not have to run their fair at the same time as the carnival and the fair could be shorter. It was mentioned that Joan needs to email the leaders and volunteers to see how they feel about a shorter fair. A 3 year contract was signed by the racing association.

Discussion regarding Retreat Planning: This will be postponed until the next meeting and will come on early in the agenda so it is addressed.

Other Business: Capital Days will be March 19th. If you live more than 2 hours away from buses, free lodging will be provided. The buses will be departing from Eau Claire to arrive in Madison by 9:30 AM until approx. 3:30 pm. People will arrive back in Douglas County at approximately 10pm. The buses will be free. Registration for this event is due by February 14th. There will also be practice time for the lobby

team. Youth/adults should wear dress pants and 4H shirts. No tennis shoes or jeans please.

If you want to reserve the youth building, call the office and leave a message as usual. Reminder that the Black River Bandits use the youth building almost every Sunday.

Fair Premium Committee: This year is the time to make changes. The fair secretary will make the changes. The committee is planning to meet March 10th at NWHS. The changes need to be to Joan by Feb 28th for review. Reminders will be emailed and it will be in the February newsletter.

If 4-H has their own fair, a decision has to be made about open class. Patti Soliday requesting that everyone cash in their fair premiums. It will be mentioned in the next newsletter.

Sheila mentioned that the latest bylaws need to be reviewed yearly and should be available on-line. It is difficult to open and the web site has 2010 listed.

Also, a reminder that if you are planning on hosting an international student or chaperone, applications are being taken and the process is already underway.

The next Annual Leader training will be 7-8:30, January 14 and this one is on technology. The last training will be Feb 3rd, from 7-8:30. Subject will be Science and Technology in 4-H projects.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Motion made by Patty Lier and 2nd by Nola Stenroos to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next Meeting will be on Feb 10th, 2014 at NWHS at 6:30 pm.