

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2016**

Present: Tricia Kessler, Christy Mueller, Demetrius Brown, Char Ehlert, Jane Theune-Baillargeon, Maya Theune-Baillargeon, Laura Jeske, Laura Brushaber

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Vice-president, Laura Brushaber.

The minutes from the last meeting were distributed. Corrections: Change spelling of Trisha Kessler to Tricia Kessler, under the State Fair Extension Day add that Linda Kramer did a presentation on college entry, and add that Demetrius Brown had scheduled the annual leader/volunteer training for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Char moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Christy seconded the motion. Approved.

Demetrius said that the annual leader/volunteer training that was scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> will be changed to November 1, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. We should invite people from other programs to join us or other people who may wish to volunteer at some point in the future.

There are three at-large youth positions open on the board and Demetrius said we need to start making a stronger effort to fill those vacancies.

Spin Clubs – Demetrius talked about the formation of spin clubs in Milwaukee County. He had a flyer that he shared with the council. These clubs focus on one skill or topic being taught. Demetrius mentioned that he had reached out to makers at the Maker Faire, but has not had any response as of yet. He mentioned that he is hoping that spin clubs that start up will evolve into other parts of the County 4-H program or feed into other clubs. Demetrius said that he will also contact Stacy Clough from Betty Brinn/Maker Faire about spin clubs. We will also have a strong promotion of the spin clubs at our open house later this month. Demetrius said he would be present at the event to promote these spin clubs.

Laura Jeske presented the treasurer's report – it will be filed for audit.

Laura J moved to take \$5000 from the money we pulled from the Foundation Account and move it into active working capital. Tricia seconded the motion. Vote carried – 5 votes in favor.

County Fair wrap up – Laura J thanked all for their help. She said she will be doing the data entry for fair reporting and member checks within the next few weeks. Tricia said it went great but that more help is needed for setting up and working the fair. Demetrius commented that it was very impressive how all the events came together and the teams that worked together. There will be a committee meeting in November – date to be announced to clean up all the details and begin a general plan for next year's fair. Laura J and Tricia will check with Maker Faire about price for renting space instead of being a sponsor.

Club booth profit share with Council – So far only Char has turned her money in to the Council. Laura B and Tricia both forgot their checkbooks tonight. It was decided that this was not very profitable for the Council.

Record books were due to club leaders by tonight and the county judging will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Major Trips/Awards – question came up as to how we know if someone applied for a trip or scholarship. Christy said she did not see a place on the online form to indicate that a scholarship was wanted. Laura B will contact Linda to find out how the council will know if a scholarship was applied for by a youth attending a trip.

Elvis fundraiser – the date was changed to February 18, 2017 and Laura J and Char have been working on a flyer for the event. A committee meeting will be held following tonight's board meeting.

Holiday/Awards party – date has been changed to December 11, 2016 so that the Bird of Prey show could be the entertainment for this event. A decision was made to invite the public to this event but only until the auditorium is full and 4-H members/families will get priority before the general public.

Open House – Laura B reviewed the minutes from the committee meeting. We will have a welcome table in the lobby, club booths, spin club information, light refreshments, 4-H literature and information display, and three activities in the cafeteria. Activities include: pillow making, penny boats, and decorating 4-H cookies. So far we have not heard from clubs who will be coming to this event. Lots of advertising is being done, so we are hoping for participation from all clubs.

Fund Raising – Kringles and Palermo's – it was decided to do this fundraising program this fall with the delivery date being December 3<sup>rd</sup> (at Exploring 4-H). The profit split will be 50/50 between the clubs and council.

Model Horse Show will be January 28, 2017 and Char said that she is looking for leaders, parents and members to help out any length of time from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. – any time that you can be there is greatly appreciated.

November's Exploring 4-H topic is 'Holiday Foods' and will be making different types of appetizers. It will be November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Laura B will send out the email blast request to Linda.

Art Day event will be January 21, 2017, but a committee is needed to start planning this event. The committee will meet on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H office beginning at 6:30 p.m. Laura B will send out an email blast looking for instructors for the various sessions. Char, Kayla and Tricia, and Jane and Maya said they are interested.

Mini Grant requests will be due on February 1, 2017. Email will be sent closer to that date.

Club, Group and Council charters are due to the 4-H office. Laura B will email Linda and Demetrius to find out if the date could be extended as none of them are completed as of today. The Council charter financial audit will be done October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Northstar 4-H club meeting.

Club member enrollments and family fees are due as soon as possible.

Holiday Party/Awards committee meeting will be on October 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office. Final plans will be decided upon and a letter/invitation will be created at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be November 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Brushaber