

Milwaukee County 4-H Leaders Council

November 14, 2016

The meeting started with the pledges at 6:45 p.m. Members present were Carol Blonski, Laura Brushaber, Char Ehlert, Laura Jeske, Kayla Kessler, Tricia Kessler, Christy Mueller, Jane Theune-Baillargeon, and Maya Theune-Baillargeon. Also in attendance were Demetrius Brown and Sarah Tarjeson. Joe Haney from Palermo's Pizza came as a special guest.

Sarah Tarjeson was introduced to the group. She started working with the Milwaukee County Extension Office on Friday, November 11th. She is with the Sheboygan 4-H Office and will be here one day a week to support the 4-H program in Milwaukee County. Sarah has been working with the Sheboygan 4-H program for the last eight years.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 10th meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Laura Jeske. She mentioned that we still need to get the club profits from a couple of groups for the workshops held at the County Fair. Also, the revenue from the Snack Shack sales dropped from 40% to 34% during this last month. The reasons could be the result of several factors: less sales, people not paying for their purchases, product that is expired and cannot be sold, more inventory in stock than necessary, etc.

Open House – The Open House was held on Sunday, October 23rd and we had a few new families stopping by to check out the program. The kids worked on craft items while the parents learned more about what 4-H is and how it would benefit their families.

Palermo's Pizza and Racine Kringle Fundraiser – The Council fundraising will commence again with a 50/50 split between the clubs who participate and the Council. Tricia Kessler is coordinating the sale, and encouraged people to sell as much as they could. Orders are due to Tricia on Monday, December 8th and the delivery/pick-up date is scheduled for Thursday, December 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office. Joe Haney identified the different pizzas that were available for sale and the prices for each. He felt that the fundraiser could easily generate a fifty percent profit. Joe mentioned that there are codes for two free Bucks tickets inside the higher-priced pizza boxes. He also offered that the club who sells the most pizza will be given a pizza party. In addition, the top three individual sellers will be awarded a \$25 movie gift card. Palermo's Pizza has given away over a half million pizzas this year.

Model Horse Show – The show is scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 28th at Gonzaga Hall at St. Aloysius Church. Char Ehlert is asking for volunteer help during the day. She is working on the show bill and anticipates that the show will receive NAMSA qualification. Therapeutic classes will be offered new this year.

Exploring 4-H Saturdays – The next Exploring 4-H Saturday will take place on November 19th and will feature making holiday appetizers. This date was rescheduled from November 5th. For December, the Exploring 4-H Saturday will take place on December 3rd and will feature creating your own holiday greeting cards, led by Rebecca Jeske.

Art Day – This event is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st at the UW-Extension Office. The Art Day committee will be meeting on November 16th and they are looking for instructors.

Mini Grants – Requests for mini grants from clubs/groups are due on February 1st and must be in writing to the Council. The budget has a total of \$1,800 and the Council has approved a maximum limit of \$300 per club/group.

Member Enrollments and Fees – Just a reminder that these are due now for this current year. Sarah has offered to help anyone who needs it. It was mentioned that it is easier to go through Google Chrome rather than Internet Explorer. The address for the website is wi.4honline.com.

Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony – Discussion was held on the upcoming Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony that is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th. Preparations are ongoing and Schlitz Audubon has confirmed that they will do a live Birds of Prey presentation. There will also be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and a holiday cookie sale for fundraising. Laura Jeske has submitted the paperwork to Madison for the raffle license. In addition, a door prize drawing will be held at the end of the event. The Council is looking for volunteers to help out during the afternoon and any donations that can be used.

Elvis Fundraiser – This is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th at Gonzaga Hall at St. Aloysius Church. In addition to the show, the Council will be hosting a pasta dinner, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. The cost for John Van Thiel, the performer, is \$1,265, which is half of his normal fee. The room can hold up to 250 people. Laura Jeske is working on the tickets and Char Ehlert will be the main contact person. We are looking for up to twenty people to volunteer. Those who are volunteering for a minimum of three hours will be able to purchase their tickets at half price, plus a dinner, for a total of \$15.00.

Secretary Position – This position is vacant, and the Council is looking for someone to take minutes at each meeting. Until this position is filled, someone will be asked to take minutes for the meetings.

4-H Youth Educator Report – Demetrius Brown gave a status report of what he had been working on. His goal is to start ten new spin clubs and he is halfway there. He is looking at locations, recruitment of kids, and getting materials. So far there will be Knitting & Crocheting and Martial Arts. Demetrius also met with Maker Faire and they are willing to provide some sort of discount for 4-H. Demetrius feels that this will be a great way of getting out in the neighborhoods. He also met with four schools and all the kids that participate in a spin club will be enrolled into 4-H.

Demetrius announced that Linda Kramer will be leaving at the end of December. She and her family will be moving to Iowa for her husband's new job.

Adjournment – The next Council Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura and Rebecca Jeske