

The regular meeting of the Cass County 4-H Council was held Monday, November 16, 2015, at the Cass County Extension Office meeting room. President Doug Wehrbein called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present so discussion was held but no voting occurred.

Members present were: D. Wehrbein, R. Thakur, K. Griffin, S. Schafer, D. Mills, L. Sparks, and S. Sparks. New member present was: M. Mills

Members excused were: J. Vallery, S. Schafer, W. Koehn

A. Benes representing the Cass County Extension Office and visitors Gary Sickman, Kevin Albert, Scott Lubben, Cavanaugh, Sarah Muntz, and Erin Muntz were present.

D. Wehrbein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll call

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

III. Treasurer's Report

Linda met with Sondra to develop a 4-H Council Finance and Reporting Calendar. Linda designed a list of Income & Expense Category Explanations. She also corrected some amounts that were placed in the wrong categories. Linda created a Request for Check form to indicate amount/category. 4-H Council is on target with the budget.

IV Old Business: Fair Follow-up

- a. A. Benes reported attendance at the Achievement party. Thirty adults were present with approximately 50 kids as well as several new families attending. Possible location for next year is the Expo building but the youth members will decide.
- b. Large animal meeting: The only schedule issue for fair is on Wednesday with shows running closely together. The dairy show will be moved up a little earlier. Feeder calves will be invited to stay to fill the barn. There is a possibility that the purebred breeds will show in breed classes and eliminate the need for 3 entries or show as AOB. There are three (3) new swine superintendents: Doug Wehrbein, Russell Roeber, and Don Mills. Direct ship hogs have been troublesome in past years so Hormel may take them due to a local buyer. Pigs will be tagged for county fair due to paint washing or rubbing off. Former youth members will be asked to come back to help with the shows to keep them involved and add some fun. EID tags will be needed for all market animals showing at the county level, state, and Aksarben. (County-only swine will have a regular tag.)

Tagging Dates: Beef weigh-in will be held January 2, 9-11. Snow date is Jan. 9.  
Sheep/Goat tagging will be June 12 from 9-11.

- c. Members need to be thinking of committees they would like to serve on. The Awards and Recognition committee will be restructuring the local volunteer awards to move them on to the state level.

d. The Budget and Finance Committee will look at the current system of approving checks.

e. A. Benes asked members to be thinking of new fundraising ideas.

4-H Volunteer Training seminar will be February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30. Youth policy, online procedures, positive youth development, and a variety of projects will be discussed.

K. Albert reported that the Cass County Fair Foundation scholarship would be set up in the future.

The number and amount of scholarships given will depend on donations received.

The Fair Board is in the process of developing plans for a new extension office/static exhibit 4-H building. The Fair Board would like to have input from people, especially static exhibit superintendents. If Extension moves to the new building, then the Emergency Management Department will occupy the current extension building. The current bond will be paid off in December, 2016. The county commissioners will need to be included so that new building bond can be added to the existing bond.

K. Griffin motioned to adjourn the meeting. T. Hawks seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

III. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2015, at 6:45 p.m., at the Cass County Extension Office. Dinner will be provided.