

Minutes from 4-H Council meeting 09.30.2020

Roll Call: Teresa Hawks, Serena Brauckmuller (tardy), Luke Lambert, Bryan Freel, Jenna Muntz, Samantha Hall, Krystl Knabe, Brandi Lambert, Diane Mills, Heather Ackman (zoom), Stephanie Schafer (tardy), Sarah Riha (absent), Dennis Heim, Sophie Korytowski, Trey Lamkins

Minutes of previous meeting: motion to approve by S. Korytowski, L. Lambert seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers report was given.

Old Business:

2020 Fair reports. A packet of information has been provided to attendees. It details the past several years and compares the number of fair entries, premium amounts, number of ribbons, and clover kid entries.

The livestock show report packet was also handed out. It details the name of the participant and the price the buyer paid. All youth chose premium only this year instead of sales. K. Knabe detailed this year's process and made recommendations for future years based on her experience and feedback from 4-H families and the buyers. Motion was made by D. Heim to not deduct the premium sale expense fees per head this year, but to pass on the money to the participants instead. L. Lambert seconded. Motion carried.

State fair report was given by Lauren. State Fair Static exhibits received participation ribbons only and no premiums. Several Cass static projects received special recognition and cash awards. Livestock exhibitors received ribbons and premiums.

Rixstines award report. Sponsorships for trophies plus Friends of 4-H Donations totaled more than the awards expenses this year. Hooded sweatshirts were the most popular item chosen from the fair awards. Other options given out were medals, t-shirts, trophies, tumblers, and vinyl banners.

Senior Scholarship Application – This is scholarship from council was discussed at the March meeting. In March, 2x \$500 scholarships were approved for a total of \$1000. The student's transcripts should be sent to office and then money is sent to the youth their second semester of college. Use of the template that matches the other 4-H scholarships available to Cass County members was approved.

New Business

State Level 4-H achievement applications are due October 15.

Point sheets and award applications were due Sept. 15. Staff will get together with Otoe county to judge them again this year.

Adult Volunteer Awards: Nominations and approvals were received for the following awards.

Olga Livers: Sondra Buell

Meritorious Service: Mick Bornemeier

Heart of 4-H: Kim Scholting

Tribute to Leader Excellence: Dr. Scott Lubben

Outstanding 4-H Alumni award: JJ Bockman

Camps. D. Mills moved to apply the previously awarded camp scholarship to fall camps, K. Knabe seconded. Motion carried.

Achievement Party will be Sunday, November 1 at 2 pm. It will be a scavenger hunt party with awards given out at the end. Programs will be available, and social media posts of winners will be posted.

Cass County Ambassadors. Cass will be piloting a program called 4-H Ambassadors with other neighboring counties. There will be opportunities for statewide training for up to 3 youth ages 14-18. Students will go to commissioner meetings, receive training, etc.

Nominations for 2021 Council member nominations are being accepted.

All youth will need to reapply. Adults that will need to reapply: S. Schaefer, H. Ackman, T. Hawks. We will need to train a new treasurer as D. Mills will term out next year.

D. Heim shared that the county commissioners purchased property adjacent to the fairgrounds. Commissioners may move the Extension office to that property and the current Extension space will transfer to EMA. More details to come as the plan moves forward.

Next meeting is November 16th at 7 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.