

Polk County 4-H Council Minutes

January 31, 2024

6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

The Polk County 4-H Council held a meeting on January 31, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Polk County Fairground. President Jake Zahm called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Jake Zahm, Jo Larsen, Stacy Stewart, Kris Udey, Tiffany Carlstrom, Kole Crawford, Brittany Johnson and Chelsey Girard. Also in attendance were Polk County Extension staff Colleen Pallas and Tanya Crawford.

Election of Officers:

Stacy nominated Kole Crawford for Vice President. No other nominations were received. A motion was made by Stacy Stewart, second by Kris Udey to elect Kole Crawford as Vice President. Motion passed.

Stacy nominated Chelsey Girard for Secretary. No other nominations were received. A motion was made by Brittany Johnson, second by Jake Zahm to elect Chelsey Girard as Secretary. Motion passed. As elected Secretary, Chelsey will be put on the checking account signature card at Pinnacle Bank. Past Secretary Torie Jelinek will be removed from the checking signature card.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports: Colleen Pallas reported they were starting to hire fair judges, calendar planning, workshop planning and school enrichment programs. Tanya Crawford reported that the staff annual reports were recently due to the Extension Board. They had over 1,200 educational contacts with kids. Tanya was chosen to attend a training in Georgia on PYD (Positive Youth Development) and the Thrive Method.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: No report

Constitution/By Laws/Budget:

A motion was made by Stacy Stewart, second by Jo Larsen to approve the constitution. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Brittany Johnson, second by Tiffany Carlstrom to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous budget discussion included the need for a few cooler/refridgerator in the concessions stand and adjusting the compensation for the concessions stand coordinator.

Scholarship:

In 2023, there were three scholarships awarded, each valued at \$250. Scholarships were received by Kerry Forbes, Rachel Wacker, and Koleton Neujahr. It was discussed that school expenses continue to increase. A motion was made by Kris Udey, second by Jake Zahm to offer two scholarships in 2024, each valued at \$500. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Fair Book:

Fair Board is considering not printing a fair book this year and going exclusively digital to save on printing costs. Extension staff may need to print just the open class portion of the fair book to have available at the courthouse.

New Business:

4-H Month 2024 – Connect at the Coffee House on March 14 at 4th Street Coffee House.

Post Office Box – Motion was made by Jo Larsen, seconded by Brittany Johnson to purchase a post office box for 4-H Council communications. Motion passed.

2024 4-H Council meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

March 12, May 14, August 20, November 12

Announcements:

Beef Weigh Day – February 3rd, 9-10:30 a.m.

Connect at the Coffee House – March 14th, 4-6pm in Stromsburg

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.