

Youth Council Meeting – September 7, 2023 (Webster County Fairgrounds)

Adult Members Present: Lance Johnson, Afton Alber (via zoom), Meghan Anderson, Jana McNeill, Daren Niemeyer, Cody Simonton, Mollie Taylor

Fairboard Rep Present: None

Youth Members Present: Libby Macklin, Ellie Mangers

Extension Staff Present: Beth Janning, Alexa Pedersen

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Cody.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. With no quorum, the minutes will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: Mollie shared that there is \$25,803.08 in checking and \$14,374.68 in savings.

Youth Foundation Report: They are waiting on a few families to show proof that state fair sale animals went to the state fair. All of the hogs sold.

Fairboard Report: Beth shared that she attended the latest meeting and Fairboard went over their budget again, budget meeting is coming up.

Old Business:

- Memorials for County Fair: There was no feedback in the survey about the memorials that were made and read during the county fair. All Youth Council members were very happy about the memorials.
- Food Stand. The food stand members met after fair to split money and pay bills. \$4560.50 was the split after bills were paid. It was between \$1000-\$1500 less than normal.
- Fair Cleanup Donation: Farm Credit Services did a lot of help setting up and getting prepared for fair. They are giving \$3000 to the Fairboard for their time of helping with around 15 workers. We have requested to use that money for new displays in the exhibit hall-Fairboard agreed.

New Business:

- Hard Luck Nominations: 3 nominations were turned in. Voting will happen via survey. Ava Pavelka and Carter Auten were beef nominees while Mazie Boyd was the other species nominee.
- Rodeo Passes: Rodeo passes for 4-Hers cost the YC \$2500 this year. More discussion will happen later with the concern of the price and low profit of the food stand.
- Thank You Cards: The office checked all of the thank you cards before sending them and had to have a few rewritten. Some from 2022 were turned in this year. No awards link will be sent to the youth until thank you cards were sent. Ideas were brought up to teach how to write a good thank you card during afterschool or YQCA. The office had signs on how to write a good thank you card posted around the 4-H building during fair.
- Awards Night: Achievement Night will be November 5th at the Blue Hill Community Center starting at 5:30. It will be a pot luck by signing up. The Youth Council will provide the beverages and paperware. Volunteer of the year nominations will be sent out with hard luck voting. A Friend of the 4-H award will be given to the Red Cloud Chief Newspaper company.
- Post Fair Survey Results: Information packets of the survey was handed out. There were 18 submissions. A lot of positive feedback. Changes will not be made until later on.
- Other: Libby Macklin Presented a letter to the YC asking for help to pay her way to National 4-H Congress. Daren moved to pay Libby \$250. Ellie seconded. Motion passed.

Meghan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellie seconded. Motion passed.