Youth Council Meeting – May 23, 2023 (Webster County Fairgrounds)

Adult Members Present: Lance Johnson, Afton Alber, Meghan Anderson, Hans Burken, Julie Henkel, Jana McNeill, Daren Niemeyer

Fairboard Rep Present: Rob Wilson

Youth Members Present: Carter Auten, Dylan Auten, Samantha Bonifas, Kassi Jones, Eli Karr, Libby Macklin, Ellie Mangers, Halley Minnick

Extension Staff Present: Beth Janning, Alexa Pedersen, Katie Bolte

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Lance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Darren moved to approve the minutes, Jana seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: None given.

Youth Foundation Report: The donation wall is set up. They are working on shade being built on the east side of the show arena.

Fairboard Report: Working on a fenced in sandbox near the show arena for kids to play in.

Old Business:

* Memorials for County Fair: The extension office will make a binder book with memorial scripts. There are 3 memorials currently turned in. Jana moved to have the Youth Council sponsor the overall sheep showman award. Meghan seconded and the motion passed.
* Food Stand: The Methodist Church and Kaitlyn have met to discuss menus. A schedule for shifts will be coming out shortly.
* Enrollment/YQCA: 180 kids were enrolled by April 15th.
* Award Sponsorship Update: More sponsorships have been received for awards. We are still $1000 short for awards. Julie moved to change plaque awards for rate of gain, music, culinary challenge, round robin, market broiler, production market beef, beef carcass scan, PSA, presentations, and speech. Carter seconded and the motion passed.
* Superintendents/Crews/Assistants: Superintendent spots are filled in everything except home environment, food, poultry, rabbit, and miscellaneous ag. Crew is still needed in the pig show. Nelson Trambly will be the superintendent for the Round Robin.
* Champion/Reserve Stall Cards: The new stall cards are ordered and on the way.
* Summer Programming: There are 19 kids registered in the South Central Livestock Judging on June 1st. The deadline is approaching for other summers camps and workshops.
* 4-H Dog Program Update: The Webster County Wranglers 4-H club received a governor’s excellence award of $500 for dog agility equipment. Webster County dog participants can still attend the Adams County dog practices for the rest of the year.
* County Public Speaking Recap: The event went well and there were 11 entries total.
* 4-H Open House Recap: The open house was held on April 11th. There were snacks served and activities for the kids. The extension office helped enroll kids in 4-H.
* PASE Update: There are 4 seniors and 7 intermediates from Webster County attending PASE. Kids are competing in skillathon, quiz bowl, poultry judging, meats judging, and livestock judging. Jana McNeill is the overnight sponsor for Webster County.

New Business:

* Interview Guidelines: Questions were asked about the rules of photography interviews. Jana moved to make interviews for clothing construction and photography mandatory. If there is a case where a child cannot make it, the child can propose their case to the youth council. The council can approve a conference call or video interview. The motion was seconded and passed.
* Scholarship 4-H Opportunities: Anna and Harrison Mead wrote a letter to the youth council asking for a scholarship to attend the UNL livestock judging camp. Meghan moved to award Anna and Harrison Mead reimbursement to attend the UNL judging camp in Lincoln on June 8th ,9th , and 10th. Samantha seconded, and the motion passed.
* Thank You’s: Thank you writing sessions times were set up.
* Final Entries Open: Final entries opened on May 5th. There are help sessions available. Final entries are all online this year. There are no paper entries.
* Livestock Auction: Jana moved that all livestock auction forms except beef are due on noon on Thursday. Beef auction forms are due on Friday at noon. Dylan seconded. The motion passed.
* Other: 4-H needs signage at the food stand

The next meeting is set for June 27th at 7:00 pm at the Webster County Fairgrounds. Darren moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Jana seconded, motion passed.