

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

September 20, 2021

Attendance: Alex deFinta, Denise Noble, Mary Darling, Latisha Tomsa, Nancy Wheatley, Amy Mortimore, Renee Hostetler, Janice Zerbe, Carisa Hostetler, Wendy Fisher, Brandy Zantello, Tina Loomis, Kerri Damm, Colleen Overacker, Tod Kubiszak, Lori Alexander

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:02 pm with all officers' present and eleven clubs represented.

Secretary Report: Amy Mortimore moved to accept the secretary report as presented with the correct spelling of Nancy Wheatley's name, with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with income of \$5.51, no disbursements and a total in the checking account of \$30052.68. Sub accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$620.00), Teen Club (\$940.02), Efting Memorial (\$575.00), Moyle Memorial CD (\$1000.00) and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds). Report will be placed on file for audit.

Enrollment incentives – Tina Loomis sent receipts to Carisa Hostetler, which she has not received. Tod Kubiszak moved to reimburse Tina Loomis (\$80.00) with a second from Lori Alexander. Motion carried.

Bills / Correspondence: Checks have been ordered from Honor Credit Union (\$21.00).

Club Sharing: *Farm, Friends and Family* – They had a 4-H information booth at the Ox Roast with lots of interest. *Porter Busy Fingers* – had their parent / leader meeting. This year will be lots of fun! *Almena Happy Helpers* – held their first meeting outdoors. They reported seven new families. *Van Buren Youth Fair Royalty* – took part in two parades. *Silver Spurs* – completed the birthday packages for the food bank. *Van Buren Voyagers* – held a planning meeting. They went on a tall ship. Their first meeting is September 21, 2021.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – No report available.

Committee Reports: *Auction* – Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7 p.m. Clubs are asked to provide baskets or bundles.

4-H Educator Report: *Enrollments* – Enrollments open at MI4-H ONLINE V2 on September 15, 2021. Incentive for members who are enrolled by November 1, 2021. *Youth Code of Conduct* – Please read this through, there is a new statement. *4-H Awards* – was held on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Attendance was low. *National 4-H Week* – October 3-9, 2021. *TSC Fall Paper Clover Sale* – October 3-17, 2021. Call TSC to set up a time to promote 4-H. *Caps for Benches* – The county collected 244 lbs. of caps, enough for a bench with a back. Lots of discussion.

Unfinished Business: *Financial Institution – Honor Credit Union* – The Leaders Association has moved to Honor Credit Union. *By-Laws* – Lots of discussion. Mary Darling will send typed changes to Janice prior to the October meeting. *Planning for increased Covid-19 restrictions* – Some discussion. We will deal with them as they come.

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New Business: *Election Committee* – No LA elections in 2021. *County 4-H Fund Raiser* – Tod Kubiszak suggested a baby chicks fund raiser. Families can raise 12-24 baby chicks. Lots of discussion. Tod will provide a proposal. *Rooms booked for meetings* – Leaders Association will meet at the Van Buren ISD in November with masks.

Expansion Review: There were no School Open Houses attended. Lots of discussion. Geneva Wrens plans to attend the Apple Fest.

Fair Board Update: No update.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – October 18, 2021 at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center at 7:00 p.m. \

Adjournment: Amy Mortimore moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Tina Loomis. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary

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