

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

January 15, 2024

Attendance: Nancy Wheatley, Mary Darling, Janice Zerbe, Denise Noble, Alex deFinta, Carisa Hostetler, Wendy Fisher, Amy Mortimore, Lori Alexander, Kelsey Driscoll, Emmeline Towne, Makayla King, Tina Loomis

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:03 pm with all officers present and nine clubs represented.

Secretary Report: Amy Mortimore moved to accept the secretary report with a second from Emmeline Towne. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with \$250.00 income, disbursements of \$250.00, and a total in the checking account of \$18846.72 which includes no outstanding checks and no outstanding deposits. Sub accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$0.00), Teen Club (\$940.02), Efting Memorial (\$575.00), Domestic Animal (\$567.39), and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds). Report will be placed on file for audit.

Bills / Correspondence: A bill for the member enrollment incentives was presented by Janice Zerbe for \$180.50.

Club Sharing: *West Valley Livestock* – had a holiday craft after their meeting. They also had a taco bar and signed holiday cards for the nursing home. *Silver Spurs* – used plastic cups to melt for ornaments and held a bake sale. *Van Buren Voyagers* – had a board game night. They are scheduling indoor archery. *Young Explorers* – had a craft day and dog practice. *Geneva Wrens* – had lots of Christmas activities. *Porter Busy Fingers* - had to reschedule their meeting due to the weather.

Committee Reports: *Auction* – Auction dates have been posted. Pictures and descriptions of baskets are due by February 1st. The committee is receiving donations. *Tractor, Truck or Treat* – The fair board agreed to allow the Tractor, Truck or Treat to be held on the first Saturday in October at the fairgrounds.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – Makayla King stated that she is talking with 4-H members about the upcoming State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show.

4-H Educator Report: *Exploration Days* – will be held June 19- 21, 2024 at MSU. Instructors and class ideas are needed. *Fair Book Cover Contest* – Information was included in the recent Leader Letter. Drawings are due February 16, 2024. *State Awards* – Denise Noble and Alex deFinta are available to assist with the application process. Please contact them.

Unfinished Business: *Award Applications* – Due April 1st. Applications have been updated. *Enrollment Incentives* -- Janice Zerbe will be mailing the awards on January 16.

New Business: *Graduating Seniors* – Janice Zerbe will provide Alex deFinta with the names of the graduating seniors and the schools they attend. *Fundraising Outcomes and Expectations* – Please continue to provide ideas of how we can include communities. *Club Officer Training* – will be held in February. You must register using MI4H Online.

Expansion Review: Encourage members to enroll using MI4H Online.

Fair Board Update: No update provided.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – February 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Adjournment: Amy Mortimore moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary

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