

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

June 17, 2024

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with no income, disbursements of \$2240.98, and a total in the checking account of \$21068.25 which includes outstanding checks of \$1530.00 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 thank you was received from Richard Wold for Exploration Days, Hayden Bigelow for continuing education scholarship and Hayden Bigelow for cords and tassel.

Club Sharing: *Geneva Wrens* – had a bake sale that did well. *Van Buren Voyagers* – worked on fishing pole with GooseChase fishing contest. They went on a Memorial Day fishing trip. Five people attended scuba diving training. *Silver Spurs* – had their regular meeting. They are working on how to recognize Jessie Sadiku at fair as it is her last year.

Committee Reports: *Auction* – The auction breakfast will be held at the Lawrence Township Hall, with set-up on Friday. The breakfast and silent auction will be held on Saturday. The cost of breakfast will be a minimum donation. Club donations are due January 20th. Fliers are being created. The Facebook auction launch will begin on February 10, 2025, and close at 6:00 p.m. on February 24. More business donations were discussed. Lots of discussion. Tod Kubiszak moved to purchase a pig at the fair auction up to \$4.00 per pound, plus processing for ½ to be used for the Leaders Association breakfast and the remaining ½ to be bid on during the auction. *Tractor, Trunk, or Treat* – Update will be available at the August meeting.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – Makayla King will be attending State Awards soon.

4-H Educator Report: *MSU Exploration Days* – will be held this week. The 12 participants are encouraged to bring water bottles and fans. *Office Moving* – The office will be in the new building by July 1. They are working on getting furniture. *Club Booths* – The map of booth plan was available.

Unfinished Business: *Award 2024* – There was a mix up with the Leaders Association Scholarship and the Large Livestock Scholarship. Tod Kubiszak moved to pay for the additional scholarship due to the mix up with a second from Denise Noble. Motion carried. 4-H County Medal winners will be presented prior to the talent show at the fair. Applications were received for feeder calves, leadership, stationary making and swine. Janice Zerbe will visit clubs in the fall and present teen leader, club officer, leader awards, etc. *Fundraising Outcomes and Expectations* – Continue to provide ideas of how we can include communities. *Recognition of High School Seniors* – Lots of discussion regarding who gets recognized. Key leaders will be contacted to help determine who should be recognized. More discussion took place.

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New Business: *Budget 24-25* – The current budget was reviewed. Donation for Fair Premium line item was suggested to be changed to Fair Livestock Auction purchase for \$1500.00; Annual report fee/ Postage / Check Fees was suggested to be increased to \$60.00; Trophies VBYP (Susan Melvin) & 1 each area was suggested to be removed as this will be discussed with the Large Livestock Committee; National Conference (April – even years) was suggested to be added with the Citizen Washington Focus (odd years); Special Event Promotion for \$300.00 was suggested to be added. Final decisions will take place at the August meeting. *Outstanding 4-Her* – Janice Zerbe will purchase shirts. Carisa Hostetler will purchase name tags. *Cat Show* – will be held in Bloomingdale on Saturday, June 22. *Fair Royalty* – The contest will be held on Sunday, June 23 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. *Memorial Scholarships* – were discussed.

Expansion Review: 4-H completion awards were discussed as Janice Zerbe will be attending individual club meetings to present these awards.

Fair Board Update: Fair books have arrived. Fair registrations were due June 15, 2024, for this year's fair.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: Amy Mortimore moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Wendy Fisher. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary