

# VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

## May 20, 2024

**Attendance:** Mary Darling, Janice Zerbe, Denise Noble, Carisa Hostetler, Amy Mortimore, Makayla King, Nancy Wheatley, Wendy Fisher

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by Vice-President, Amy Mortimore at 7:00 pm with all officers present, except the President and eight clubs represented.

**Secretary Report:** Denise Noble 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, no disbursements, and a total in the checking account of \$23309.23 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:** Bills for Exploration Days were presented for \$14880.00 (11 youth and 2 adult partial scholarships) and refunds for over payment for \$220.00.

**Club Sharing:** *Silver Spurs* – had tacos and a former 4-Her helped with rabbit showmanship. *Van Buren Voyagers* – Ducks Unlimited was at their meeting. They had a craft day and two went to the State training. *Porter Busy Fingers* – helped put flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day. *Dream Chasers* – had a group trail ride and will participate in the Lawrence Memorial Day parade. They helped tornado victims by donating personal items.

**Committee Reports:** *Auction* – The committee will meet again in June. *Tractor, Trunk, or Treat* – No updates.

**Outstanding 4-Her Report** – Makayla King is interested in attending National Congress.

**4-H Educator Report:** *MSU Exploration Days* – Twelve members will be attending along with two chaperones. *Office Moving* – The Extension Office will be moving to the old Health Department in Hartford the last week in June. Some discussion. *YQCA* – The last Van Buren County class will be held on Wednesday. It is full. Janice Zerbe will send an updated list of completions. *Club Booths* – The map of booth plan was reviewed.

**Unfinished Business:** *Award 2024* – County medal applications deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> by 5:00 p.m. Three continuing education scholarships were received, however, only two qualified (one was from a 9<sup>th</sup> grader). The recipients of the scholarships are Hayden Bigelow and Anya Butler. *Fundraising Outcomes and Expectations* – Continue to provide ideas of how we can include communities. *Enrollment Incentives* -- We have received a receipt from Tina Loomis.

**New Business:** *Recognition of high school seniors* – Some discussion. Schools were contacted. Some schools were not receptive. Cords and tassels for those not presented will be mailed to 4-H High School Seniors. Mary Darling moved to have the Leaders Association pay for the postage with a second from Wendy Fisher. Motion carried. We will discuss guidelines for recognizing high school seniors at the August meeting. *4-H State Awards* – Two members have advanced to the State Award Contest – Makayla King for leadership and Amanda Towne for Achievement.

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**Minutes**

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**Expansion Review:** We discussed High School Senior cords and tassels.

**Fair Board Update:** Fair books can continue to be ordered online only until June 15. They are currently at the printer and will be available in a couple of weeks. Key leaders will be notified of their arrival. Fair registrations are due by June 15.

**Announcements:** *Next meeting* – June 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds.

**Adjournment:** Denise Noble moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Wendy Fisher. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Darling  
LA Secretary

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