

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
January 24, 2024

President Merrie Atherton called the meeting to order with the recitation of the flag pledges at 7:06 PM. Robin Dorsett, current Reporter, took the notes for Secretary Stacey Dunse who could not attend the meeting. 18 leaders attended (15 present, 3 Zoom) with 5 of 8 clubs represented.

Motion by Missy Bartelt to approve the **Agenda**. Traci Ellingson second. Motion carried.

Secretary's report: Motion by Cindy Weyh to approve the December 6th Secretary's report. Josh Atherton Second. Motion carried. No correspondence was presented.

Treasurer's report: Motion by Missy Bartlet to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Sam Hubsch.

Discussion: *Balances:* Leaders (\$14,024.72), Livestock (\$591.85), Money Market (\$3,122.13), CorTrust Food Booth (\$337.06). *Earmarked funds* to deduct from total funds: Animal Clinics (\$2,635.12), Joint Committee (\$3,424.39). *Bills* to be paid: \$475.65 to Kiwanis (Farm & Home Show), \$906.67 to Reporter and Farmer (Recognition Awards), \$1450 CWF (Feb 19th payment), \$1450 (April 1st payment). *Balance after bills are paid/earmarks subtracted:* \$7733.93. *FYI:* 4 CD's mature on 7/19/23: \$20,759.52 Motion carried.

Motion by Robin Dorsett for Amy Fischer to order checks. Jessi Wik second. Motion carried.

Shooting Sports Report: Josh Atherton (Instructor) and Traci Ellingson (Treas.): Many new kids. All the lines are full for practices and more leaders are getting certified.

Junior Leaders Report: Robin Dorsett: About 7 Jr. Leaders each took a turn sitting at the 4-H booth at the Farm & Home show last week. Kids came by and enjoyed the activity. There is a DASH event coming up on March 23.

Joint Committee Report: No report.

Advisor Report: Jennifer Ringkob:

- Awarded a State Leaders Association Mini-Grant in the amount of \$800 to be split among 4 counties in the area. The name of the grant is: Food, Fun and 4-H Around the World. Participating 4Hers receive an apron, recipes and education about a meal that they can make with their family. For every unit completed (submit a photo to Jennifer), the participant earns a kitchen utensil.
- YLL (Youth Livestock Literacy) opportunity at the Watertown Winter Farm Show.
- YLL opportunity by completing the "Grocery Store Activity". Contact the Office (Sorry, Horse 4H can't use this as their YLL)
- "Feed to Carcass" is a swine and food project area activity organized by Jennifer. She has partnered with Jorgenson's and The MeatHouse for a full educational experience for our youth.
- If you are receiving Volunteer Impact Study emails from the State 4-H office, please respond.
- Chicken Hatching project is in the works for Webster Area School and Langford School
- The 2024 State 4-H Book will be released on April 1st.
- Current enrollment numbers: 157 Members, 12 Cloverbuds, 58 Volunteers

Old Business:

Farm and Home Show: 4-H Food Booth Report: Amy Fischer: \$544.85 profit. The bars donations were very good but we could have used more people to fill shifts.

New Business:

Fruit Sales: Amy Fischer, coordinator: Sales sheets and information was handed out to each club leader so that they can give the labeled sheets/info to their 4-Hers. Sales start on Thursday, January 25th. Sales close on February 21st. Fruit delivery is scheduled for March 21st.

- Motion by Robin Dorsett to put a 2x4 ad in the R&F promoting fruit sales. Run it for two weeks. Second by Jessi Wik. Discussion: Other counties do this and we are going to try it. Amy will take care of contacting the R&F. Motion carried.

- Motion by Amy Fischer to give random sales incentives with a budget of \$200. Second by Josh Atherton. Discussion: Laura and Jennifer will use a random wheel generator and give out gift card prizes from area businesses during the weeks of Fruit Sales. They will use the Day County Facebook page. Motion carried.
- There was no fruit sales profit designation at this time.

Standing Committees:

- Audit: Wait to fill later
- Awards: each club should email Jennifer by Feb 2nd with their person who will be on the committee. When the names are collected, Jennifer will email the new committee. She would like the committee to meet in Feb or March; Then April and finally in June to get awards ordered.
- Joint: Curt Weyh and Josh Atherton were nominated. They will contact the Commissioners (Danny Kjos & Derek Sinner) and the Day County Fair Board (whomever they appoint) to introduce themselves as the 4-H Leaders Joint Committee members.

Interest Surveys: Copies were passed out for Leaders and Junior Leaders to fill out. Many copies were available for Leaders to take back to their club meetings.

Livestock Clinics: Jennifer is working on 2 small animal clinics (Poultry/Rabbit and Sheep/Goat). She asked for suggestions from the Leaders about the process and dates. It was suggested to have a 'classroom session' and then a 'bring your animal' session. She plans to include Marshall County and possibly other counties. She's hoping to have the first clinic in March.

State/County Event Dates and Deadlines document was presented for review and discussion.

Other business: None

Motion by Traci to adjourn the meeting. Amy Fischer second. Motion carried at 8:19 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 3rd. 7PM at the Courthouse.

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Dorsett, Reporter (Acting Secretary for this meeting)