Lorain County 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 16, 2022

Call to Order: Cory called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Opening Pledges: Brenda led the pledges

Guests: Stephanie Wilson

Attendance: Carolyn Bishop, Hannah Buchs, Amy Gerber, Morgan Goss, Faye Handrosh, Holden Harker, Michele Hines, Rachel Krezman, Katrina Mackey, Sue Malik, Kim Polen, Cory Seabold, Laura Smirz, Brenda Teeters, Jane Urig, Adam Wilson, Jacki Baca and Julie Mackey

Excused: Becky Reed and Amy Smith

Minutes: Michele moved to approve the minutes as read. Faye seconded and motion carried.

Correspondence: Jacki received an email from April Bremke. April wrote in regard to resigning from the position due to personal reasons. Katrina moved to accept the resignation letter and Hannah seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers' Report: Michele reported that as of January 1st the regular fund had $19,383.91 and the special fund had $7,981.65 with a checking account total of $27,365.56. There was no income and no expenses. The councils' funds had a total of $13,150.75. Filed for audit.

Discussed the 2022 budget. Discussion was had and the changes are as follows: drop the Penny Wars Expenses to $0, drop the Milk Barn Expenses to $1,700, change the title of "Hall Rental" on the budget to "Space and Equipment Rental", take Jr. Camp Scholarships out of the budget and increase the Bank Fees to $40 to buy checks. Sue moved to approve the amended budget with the above-mentioned changes. Katrina seconded and motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Midway Trophy bill for name badges totaling $39.00. Faye moved to pay the

bill and Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ways and Means: Jane reported that they did briefly meet and talk about councils but needed more information before making any recommendations. They will have more at the next meeting.

Banner Club and Officer Books: Nothing to report currently

Audit: Nothing to report currently

Constitution Review: Kim reported that they went through the first few pages of the constitution. They are recommending that the name be changed to Advisory Board because there is a clause at the beginning referring to it as such. This will not change the EIN number. They are working on technicalities and phrases, so everything lines up.

Publicity: Cory reported that they held a zoom meeting. They want to do a "Meet the Clubs" event at the JVS on or around March 5th. They are waiting for confirmation on date and time. This would be for new prospective 4-Hers to come and "shop" for a club that fits them and their needs. They are looking for clubs to sign up-you can talk to Cory after the meeting or email, call or text him with your club's name or any questions. They would also like to get it in newspapers and flyers out to the local schools. Hannah volunteered to take one to Firelands Schools. Faye moved to do this event and Hannah seconded. Motion carried.

Membership: Nothing to report currently

Inclusion and Diversity: Hannah reported that they did not meet but their will be a presentation later in the meeting.

Junior Fair Board: they have voted on barn consultants and are looking at suggested rules to change.

Endowment Board: Michele reported that the dinner and auction information will also be put in the Clover Communicator. Donations can be brought to the office or to the next meeting to give to Michele.

Livestock Sales Committee: Faye reported that they are not meeting until next month.

Hannah gave a presentation for Inclusion and Diversity. They have added "Equity" into the name making it Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Old Business:

Horse stall update: discussion about sizes and looks etc. Michele called Rick Ternes, Brian Twinings and Kim Myers. They will be looking into it as part of Senior Fair Board and come back to us with company/persons and prices and then the committee will go from there. On last measurements the stalls were $1,135 per stall. This would come out of the stall fund.

New Business:

The Endowment Board agreed to the committee putting on a bake sale at the dinner on April 2nd. Advisory Committee runs the back sale and typically donates the money bake to the Endowment Board. Any items brought in to be sold must come prepackaged how they will be sold and have an ingredient list attached. Katrina moved for the committee to host the bake sale and Holden seconded. Motion carried. The Endowment Board will be supplying lemonade, tea and coffee. Hannah volunteered to donate three cases of pop to be sold at the bake sale.

Julie will reach out and see if anyone is hosting the County Exchange Dinner this year.

Extension Update- Jacki informed the committee that the Lorain County Commissioners have fully funded 4-H this year. They approved a total of $229,100 at their February 2nd meeting. Please be sure to thank them.

Jacki also discussed a national grant program called Health Rocks which is teaching drug and alcohol prevention in the schools. They are looking for volunteers to go into schools in Lorain, Cuyahoga, Medina and Summit counties to teach 10 lessons related to the program. For teens, there is a National Healthy Living Summit in April and they are looking to send one from Lorain and one from Medina counties. Please contact Jacki for more information.

Julie talked about Quality Assurance. There is a session on Monday February 21st in Medina. The morning session is filled but there are a few openings in the afternoon. If 4-H members are completing the online version of quality assurance, it is due by March 15th.

There are new brochures for marketing Lorain County 4-H. Clubs will be provided with 12 to start. Amy Gerber went to Brunch with a Farmer this past Saturday at Lorain County Community College and handed some out.

Jacki said we had a donor who donated money specifically for yard signs and those are going to print. They will be placed in advisors yards and extras will be sold for $10 a piece.

Any Other New Business- Nothing at the current time

Next Meeting-March 16, 2022 at 6:30pm. Katrina moved to adjourn the meeting. Morgan seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.