Lorain County 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 16, 2019

Call to Order: Patti called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the Extension Office.

Opening Pledges: Patti led the pledges

Guests: No Guests

Attendance: Carolyn Bishop, Patti Brubaker, Jill Carpenter, Faye Handrosh, Donna Kearns, Pat Klingshirm, Rachel Krezman, Brian Krohn, Suzanne Malik, Marsha Norton, Judy Pickworth, Kelly Prebish, Cory Seabold, Laura Smirz, Brenda Teeters, Jane Urig, Tammy Zifcak, Julie Mackey and Jacki Baca.

Excused: Hannah Buchs, Lu Phillips

Minutes: No corrections needed to the November minutes. Pat moved and Faye seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Julie Moffit and Angela Crawford both sent in letters of resignation to the committee. Thank you notes from fair were also passed around.

Treasurers’ Report: Sue explained the 2019 proposed budget to the committee. There was discussion as she explained the columns showing the 2018 expenses, what was spent in 2018, what is proposed for 2019 and any explanations as to why the proposed cost for 2019 is higher or lower. Tammy moved to add to the advisor training supplies budget making the allotment $200 due to there being more trainings offered. Jane seconded. Motion passed. Faye moved to accept the proposed 2019 budget as revised. Jane seconded. Motion passed. Sue then went on to explain the treasurer’s report for January 2019. File for Audit-no motion needed.

Payment of Bills: Carolyn moved to pay the 2018 printing and postage bill of $8.90. Brenda seconded. Motion passed. Sue also wrote the OVC (Ohio Volunteer Conference) table sponsorship check for $250 per the proposed budget.

Committee Reports:

Ways and Means- Carolyn talked about having the Penny Wars plaque engraved with the 2018 winner. Donna moved that Carolyn take the plaque to Midway Trophies to have the 2018 winner engraved on it. Marsha seconded. Motion passed.

Jr. Fair Board- Faye reported that Jr. Fair Board will be meeting next week.

4-H Endowment Board- Jacki said they voted in new members their last meeting and moved their meetings to Wednesdays at 7pm. They will be meeting tonight.

Livestock Sales Committee- Faye said they will not be meeting until April.

FCS Committee- Judy reported that FCS committee met last night. They elected officers. Cheri Parish is President, Anna Gibbons is Vice President, Megan Kyser is Secretary and Sue Malik is Treasurer.

They are hosting a clinic on February 9th, 2019 from 10am-12pm at the OSU Extension Office. Participants will be sewing pillowcases and making a snack. The idea is to increase awareness and interest in the FCS project areas such as sewing and
food/nutrition. The deadline to sign up is February 1st, 2019. There is a $5 refundable fee. They have spots for up to 40 kids, must be 4-H age but do not have to be in 4-H—can be siblings, friends, etc.

On July 24th, 2019 there will be an FCS skillathon for cooking and clothing projects at the New Russia Township Lodge from 4-8pm. If the Jr. Fair Board decides to offer an incentive for clubs to have 100% participation in the skillathon—it will include FCS members needing to participate in their respective skillathon as well. The committee is also looking for new members.

**Other Committee Reports**—Quality Assurance—Julie Mackey talked about finalizing their sessions, the flyer has been changed. All meetings will be starting at 6:30pm. Doors will lock at 6:40pm. There are 5 meetings; February 6th, March 6th, March 26th, April 24th, and May 29th. All meetings are located at the New Russia Township Lodge.

**Old Business**—The advisory sub-committee sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign up.

The chili cook off is March 2nd. The deadline to register is February 16th. So far there are two entries—Friends of Jr. Fair and Eaton Township Blue Ribbon 4-Hers Club. It was advised that members take flyers around to clubs, churches, places of employment etc. We’d like to see more people outside of 4-H clubs get involved to promote 4-H. Sue emailed the Chronicle about both the Chili Cook Off and the FCS Clinic. We also talked about having Jacki send out a blast email about the cook off.

**New Business**—The committee asked Faye to be our Livestock Committee representative again this year and she agreed.

The Ohio Volunteer Conference is Saturday, March 9th, 2019 in Columbus and tickets are $40 apiece. Faye moved that we donate two raffle baskets to the conference. Jane seconded. Motion passed. The first basket theme is “The Long Drive Home” which will feature snacks like you would take on a road trip. The second basket theme is “St. Patty’s Day” which will feature everything green. Everyone should bring a snack and a green item to the next meeting to contribute. The $30 budget for the raffle baskets was decided to be used to buy baskets or extra supplemental items if needed.

The Endowment Dinner is on March 23rd at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. Advisory Club will be participating in a pop and bake sale this year at the dinner. Next meeting there will be a sign-up sheet. There was discussion of what pop to buy as well as buying pop for the Chili Cook Off and then using the leftover pop at the Endowment Dinner.

Patti brought up a proposal made by LaGrange Engine Club for Advisory Committee to assist in manning the ticket booths at the Engine Show from September 20-21st, 2019. There would be 5 gates to man with at least two people per gate and tickets would need to be taken all day. There is a potential for the club to earn approximately $2,000. We asked the Endowment Board to participate. Patti will reach out to a LaGrange Engine Club board to come to an upcoming meeting and go over further details. There was discussion about how many people would be needed to help and what a huge commitment this would be to undertake.

**Extension Update**—Jacki reminded everyone about the volunteer training tomorrow at New Russia Township Lodge from 6-8pm. There was a banner club update which is
included in the new enrollment packets. There is more emphasis put on attending council meetings such as saddle horse or shooting sports.

The new Clover Communicator has gone out and Jacki will be adding in a printable option. There are also sections for councils and committees so that people can view the current constitution and by-laws, agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes.

There was discussion about inviting representatives from councils to our meetings to give reports-dog, mini horse, saddle horse, and shooting sports. They would have spots on our agenda to give updates but would have no voting or membership rights unless they are on the committee already.

Jacki also talked about advisors offering programs as incentives to come to meetings. For example having a 20-30 minute business meeting and then having a program. There was discussion about having the same format within the committee. Possible topics for programs include inclusion/empathy, the winning 4-H plan and parliamentary procedure. Jacki would like members to give some meeting dates as options to meet earlier or stay later to have these programs.

**Any Other New Business**-There was some discussion if we needed to replace Julie Moffit and Angela Crawford due to their resignations. Looking into the constitution and by-laws it was determined that we have enough members.

Minutes, agendas and treasurer’s reports will need to be printed on your own unless you have spoken to Julie Mackey about needing it printed.

**Refreshments for Next Meeting**-Sue and Carolyn

Donna moved to adjourn the meeting. Marsha seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.