

LaMoure County Annual 4-H Leaders/Parents Meeting

The LaMoure County Annual 4-H Leaders/Parents Meeting was held at the Civic Center in LaMoure on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 with the business meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

Members present were: Eric Lahlum, Connie Bitz, Brady Wendel, Sheila Wendel, Caroline Homan, Hazel Mattice, Al Ulmer, and Marla Berntson. (Kim Robbins briefly)

Secretary's report was given from minutes typed up from notes taken last year's meeting.

Treasurer's report

- Sheila Wendel moved to renew CD with the expiration date of 10/18/14, and Connie Bitz seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Connie Bitz made a motion for Extension Office Secretary's (Hazel Mattice) name to be on Signature Cards, and Marla Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried
- The Extension office has applied for the 2014 \$1,000 4-H premium funds from the county. Al explained he forgot about 2013 and had asked the county for these as well.

Friends of 4-H

- The Council decided the 2014 Friend of 4-H Awards will go to: Harmsen's Greenhouse, and Mike and Marge Janke.

\$100 for the 4-H Foundation Donation was approved.

National 4-H week

- Leaders will remind 4-Hers to bring projects and ribbons to display on tables.
- Eric Lahlum will ask Suzie to make 4-H exhibit at the Omega Mall.
- Caroline Homan will look into table signs for schools, as well as host a Science project in Edgeley during this week (Oct. 6-10), and also have leather craft demonstrations at the schools.
- The office will give out pencils for K-3.
- Al Ulmer and Hazel Mattice will get Ads in the newspapers the week of Sep 15. (LaMoure, Kulm, and Edgeley.)
- Hazel Mattice will send email reminders to parents to have 4-H kids wear their T-shirts.

Awards Program

- Oct. 26 at 2 pm.
- Meat and Cheese trays, cupcakes, coffee and juice were approved.
- Kim Robbins agreed to coordinate Activities for after awards ceremony (comparing trunks from state).
- There will be ribbon exchange/recycle table and the extension office will let the families know.

- 4-H Ambassador Brady Wendel is unable to attend, but will prepare slide show. Caroline Homan will contact Greg Lahlum, State Ambassador, to present slide show.
- Parents were encouraged to get awards forms completed.

Fund Raising for 2015 Plans

- Family Fun Night
- Kulm-March 28.
- Theme is celebrating 4-H.
- Council agreed on having a cakewalk, Bingo, inflatable games, air games, pie contest, and silent auction.
- Lunch is to be farmed out. Need to visit with Kulm Tasty Treats to see if they are interested in doing this again.
- Suzie Lahlum does raffle tickets.

Consumer choices

- Worked well on its' own day.
- Kim Robbins brought up the possibility to do it with another county. (Jamestown or Valley City preferably.)
- Caroline Homan will check dates.

Communication Arts is April 28th 2015

Achievement Days

- Overall went very well. BBQ and Fashion show were well-attended.
- Next years' dates are June 23-25, 2015. Council agreed to keep dates as Tues through Thurs. People liked the time at 1 pm.
- Connie Bitz mentioned livestock exhibition open to kids outside of 4-Hers and \$10 a specie shown as opposed to receiving ribbons and being exclusive to 4-Hers.
- Caroline Homan will coordinate a New Parent Info meeting where parent involvement in 4-H will be discussed.

Roller Skating

- Feb 8 (first choice) or 22 depending upon weather.

Bowling Party

- April 12 or 26.

Old Business

- Kinks have been worked out by Hazel Mattice for online forms for the Awards Program. Most forms have been turned in, so it appears to have sped up the process over all.
- Al Ulmer suggested reevaluating Point System form in the future. A committee will be formed this winter to review this.
- Reminder was given to have leader enrollment and child protection renewal to all new workers. These can be found on the 4-H website.
- The State Fair reimbursement of \$15 per night was discussed. At present the rule states 4-Her's can receive this only if they are in an event that represents the county at a team event. The rule was changed to: **State Fair hotel reimbursement of \$15 will be given to any 4-Her that attends any state fair 4-H event, the reimbursement applies only for the night before or if they come up the day of the event that night's hotel stay, the 4-H program will not pay for additional hotel stays during the State Fair.**

Caroline's Focus Group

- Didn't meet, as a follow-up was suggested and only one person showed.

New Business

- Delmar Montgomery Donation to 4-H foundation for \$50 was approved.
- There is no set amount of monthly club meetings required for 4-H members to participate in the LaMoire County Achievement Days.
- Leaders were reminded to get new member names to the Extension Office so T-Shirts can be ordered for the Awards Program.

Election terms up

- Connie nominated Shelia Wendel to serve another term.
- Kristy Wirrenga was nominated to replace Sally Ost. Nomination is pending on Kristy's acceptance.

Members were encouraged to give the Extension Office their cell #'s if they want group texts for upcoming and important information.