

Youth Skills Development Committee Minutes

9-20-17 Noon - 1:45 pm - Extension Office

Present: Robin Barnes, Alicia Harstad, Christina Rittenbach, Ann Marks, Lori Helm, Jodi Kjellberg, Tiffiney Dick, Lucinda Lien, & Meredith Schmidt

Meeting was called to order by Robin with the Extension Service which acts as the president.

Past minutes were emailed out and reviewed with no additions or corrections. Jodi moved to approve, Tiffiney 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's reports - Youth Activity Day is self-sustaining and has \$492.89 for a last year to date balance. Clothing Revue has \$107.62, Communication Arts has \$244.49, Consumer Choices has \$70.63 and Project Expo has \$266.43 for YTD balances. Gaming funds were received last year and split among these last 4 events. Dr. Lok and Farmers Union Oil gave to the Communication Arts program. Jodi moved to approve the reports, Ann 2nd it, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Review of last year's events
 - Youth Activity Day (YAD) - 40 registered, 33 attended. Cooking, sewing & Woodworking were huge classes.
 - Clothing Revue - 9 exhibitors at county event, 4 went to State and 1 received Award of Excellence there
 - Communication Arts - 21 total presenters at county, many with 2 or more division entries. Eight went to the District event in 7 divisions, and 4 went to State with 2 receiving Award of Excellence.
 - Consumer Choices - 10 entered in our county, 4 went to state - 2 placed 9th overall in their age group.
 - Project Expo - 11 exhibitors at county, 2 at state with 1 receiving award of excellence.
 - 52 static exhibitors at county, 35 at state.

New Business

1. Election of Officers
 - Lucinda nominated herself for secretary, Office/Robin nominated for President - all unanimous approval.
2. Question asked if contests should stay as combined with two contests done. Tiffiney made a motion to keep them combined in order to limit the number of days needed as everyone's schedule is so full. Meredith 2nd and motion carried.
3. Question asked if Youth Activity Day should continue. Unanimous yes. Ideas to even have another one in the summer to maybe tour colleges or businesses. Meredith motioned to have YAD on December 28th, Tiffiney 2nd, motion carried.
4. Discussion of time frame of the 2 combo events, whether combining them with another county may be available
 - YAD - Lori suggested limiting options some since there were empty sessions last year. Registration deadline will be December 8th and they will be mailed out around November 10.
 - All info will need to be in to Robin by November 1 and a meeting will be held on November 2nd at noon at the Extension Office.
 - Jodi said she would do the lunch with a cooking session
 - Liens will do mozzarella making and do an appetizer
 - Cloverbud sessions will be offered again

- Ann suggested some sort of art project, Tiffiney suggested Lego robotics, Lucinda suggested Myra Olson for felting, and Robin said Kelli Connolly does arm knitting Meredith suggested a cooking competition format and a sheep feeder that would attach to the pens easily.
 - Notice will be sent out to all leaders to get ideas from the kids as to what they would like and must be sent to Robin with detailed info and who would do it by NOVEMBER 1.
 - YAD Committee meeting on November 2 to finalize project ideas, presenters and get it ready for print and mailing.
5. Emails for meetings will be sent to everyone on the committee - if you prefer to be involved with only a portion of the events, review the agenda and attend the meeting that will detail what you are interested in. Easier than separating out into sub-groups. Be sure to let Robin know if you are willing to help even though you may not make it to the meeting!
 6. Sponsor suggestions were asked for - grocery stores, clothing stores, toastmasters, gaming funds, Walmart.
 7. Fundraiser - with National 4-H Week and TSC Paper Clover drive and recognition all at the same time - it was suggested that the kids have a bake sale at TSC before recognition. This blossomed into a LEFSE making day on the 7th of October at the office and having a Lefse/Baked goods sale from 1-4 on Sunday the 8th at TSC with proceeds going to the Youth Skills Development Committee. Baking/rolling of Lefse will start at 9 am on Saturday the 7th. Help will be needed to roll, turn, fold, package, and label the lefse for the sale on Sunday. Each club will be asked to bring in something for the bake sale (cut, wrapped, and priced please) and can drop it off at the Extension office the week before the sale, or bring to the sale when you work. Club Members will be asked to sell and represent 4-H at TSC that afternoon, also. Anything not sold will be brought to the Recognition Banquet and will be for sale there also!! Talk of a kuchen baking day and bake sale was brought up, along with lefse, so we may be doing this again soon!!

Meredith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lori 2nd it, motion carried.