

# St. Clair County 4-H Council

Minutes of Monday, November 18, 2019

- I) ROLL CALL  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Lori Warchuck, Katrena Doughty-Jordan, Rob Usakowski, Crystal Sovey, Kim Tomasek, Megan Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Jolee Vantroostenberghe, Peggy Gregg, Joyce Perry, Heather Stull, Kathy Renn, Jessie Aguinaga, Jackie Avery, Colleen Provost, Joe Provost, Jacqui Rabine, Barb Hahn, Jenny Fox, Kim Carrier, Donna Wojtysiak, Linda Taylor.  
  
Excused: Cathie Usakowski, Ashleigh Miller, Dale Avery, Steve Aguinaga, Tim Warchuck.  
Absent: Stacy Glombowski, Connie Murray.  
Guests: Isabelle Stull, Addy Doughty.
- II) AGENDA  
Request to add to agenda 4-H coins. A motion was made by Megan Tomasek, supported by Jackie Avery to approve the agenda with the addition.  
Motion carried.
- III) SECRETARY'S REPORT  
A motion as made by R. Usakowski, supported by C. Ruemenapp to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes.  
Motion carried.
- IV) TREASURER'S REPORT  
K. Doughty-Jordan submitted two reports, including a proposed budget. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by M. Tomasek to approve the two treasurer reports.  
Motion carried.  
  
Need to send the Fair Board \$100 for rope supplies from the 4-H Open House for rope materials.
- V) GUESTS/PUBLIC ADDRESS  
None.
- VI) 4-H STAFF REPORT  
L. Warchuck now has a supervisor Betty Jo Krosnicki in Sanilac County. Down to the last 5-6 volunteers to get their background checks done. 92 volunteers chose to do the paper form for the background check. MSU Extension is moving into new computer programs. L. Warchuck will have about 25 new volunteers coming on in some fashion. L. Warchuck is meeting with Carrie Brown tomorrow who went to Youth Leadership Summit and she's excited to hear what she says, bringing a proposal for a youth advisory board.
- VII) FAIR BOARD REPORT  
Fair Board met in October for their annual retreat and talked about changes for 2020. Attendance down due to weather. R. Usakowski did research and found fairs

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the same week as ours experienced 18% decline in their attendance. Committees to take on tasks that we came up with in that meeting. Linda Taylor is a new fair board director.

## VIII) COMMITTEES

### A) AUCTION

Meeting in January. Dale said he would get the gift for raffle and Chris money tree and looking for someone to do the lady's gift. Not going to do the items for the kitchen, had a lot left over and don't need people to sign up for stuff yet.

### B) AWARDS

Need to order trophies for Winter Achievement.

### C) FAIR FUN NIGHT

No report.

### D) WINTER ACHIEVEMENT

Will be meeting tonight. M. Tomasek will send out the list of items needed, sending a link and sign up for what you're going to bring. Send out by end of the week. Changes coming in, adding cats. Scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### E) 4-H AMBASSADORS

Ashleigh Miller was going to be here, but Cathie's sister passed away. Halloween Stroll went excellent, gave out every single thing they had and did a great job at Leader's Banquet

### F) LEADERS' BANQUET

Survey results passed out. Will plan that for November 6<sup>th</sup> next year. Committee will have to go over the survey results.

### G) PARTICIPATION FEE

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by J. Rabine to approve the participation fee grants for \$500 for 4-H Spin Club, \$1,165.00 to 4-H Day Camp, \$624.86 for Michigan Bats Program and \$1,200 to 4-H Environmental & Classroom Programs for a total of \$3489.86.

Motion carried.

### H) BUDGET

Committee met tonight and adjusted the budget according to expected expenses. Recommending a negative balance for this year. Discussion held regarding the spin clubs and the impact they're making. There are almost 2,000 contacts in group enrollment through urban gardening, embryology and clubs are seeing some new enrollments coming in from these clubs. A motion was made by C. Provost, supported by K. Doughty-Jordan to add \$2,500 to the budget for the after school/spin club.

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by M. Tomasek to accept the budget with a \$3,354.00 deficit, supported by C. Ruemenapp.

Motion carried.

Last year Council went to Selfridge and we approved \$150 to get stuff for the crafts and going again on December 8<sup>th</sup> and looking for another \$150. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Ruemenapp to approve \$150 to be spent on materials.

Motion carried.

There was \$386.86 donated to Mid City Nutrition from money collected from events last year.

I) NOMINATING

No report.

J) DAY CAMP

They've had a few meetings and have a good start on sessions and asked for a Participation Fee grant tonight. Meeting Monday night at the Fair Office.

K) EXPANSION AND REVIEW

Committee met and M. Tomasek has started a Facebook page, doing some cool featured 4-H members, alumni, leaders and put out our 4-H happenings. Council Facebook page will be specifically for Council reminders. Started it November 6<sup>th</sup>, there are 220 likes on our page, reached over 12,000.

Committee would like to do round table discussions and need to iron out the ideas, depending on how many we have participating. Will identify bullet points on discussions and have facilitators at each table to lead discussion to stay on task to have information exchange. Planning this for January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at Goodells. Need to have a meeting to discuss topics such as how can we help you, what do you need from us, how can we support you, PAR grants, etc.

IX) OLD BUSINESS

A) 4-H OPEN HOUSE

There was 250 people that came through that day and about 100 volunteers. Gave out 4 awards at Leaders' Banquet, County Connections won best display. There were great activities and shooting sports was a huge hit, cake decorating and fire starting.

B) SPIN CLUB

M. Tomasek is currently working with volunteers with 208 kids and it's going very well. There's more parent support this year.

C) INFO TRAILER

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Discussion held as to purpose and what size trailer would be desired. We could have sponsor on the wrap and 4-H logo on each side and sponsor businesses to help offset the expense. Cost discussed between \$5,000-\$12,000. Tabled the discussion.

D) FUTURE FUND RAISER/ROAD RALLY

Discussion held about holding another countywide fund raiser such as a road rally. A committee will be formed for an event to be held Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

E) OPERATION 4-H CARES/MID-CIY NUTRITION

Volunteers are signing up to work at the Soup Kitchen and it's almost covered through May. Will be doing Pig with a Purpose this year and any excess livestock donated in 2020 will be donated to the Stone Soup Food Bank in Lapeer.

X) NEW BUSINESS

A) 4-H COINS

Coins are ordered and everyone to take 1 and an additional coin will be passed out prior to fair.

B) SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

A request from Brett Thompson, Emma Rabine, Jacqui Rabine and Heather Stull for a total of \$451.75. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by J. Aguinaga to approve the scholarships.

Motion carried.

C) ELECTIONS

A nomination of Chris Ruemenapp for secretary was made by R. Usakowski, supported by H. Stull. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by H. Stull to close nominations.

A nomination of Katrena Doughty-Jordan for treasurer was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Ruemenapp. A motion was made by R. Usakowski, supported by C. Provost to close nominations.

A nomination of Jenny Fox for vice president was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by R. Usakowski. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Sovey to close nominations.

A nomination of Jolee Vantroostenberghe for president was made by J. Aguinaga, supported by J. Avery. A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Ruemenapp to close nominations.

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by C. Ruemenapp to elect the nominees who have run unopposed.

Motion carried.

XI) ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by R. Usakowski, supported by C. Ruemenapp to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Motion carried.

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Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary