

Sanders County 4-H Council Agenda
December 2, 2024 6:00pm Plains, Linda Cook's Home

Minutes of the October meeting were revised to include election of officers, including President JoAnne Burk, Vice-President Jen Avilla, Treasurer Terry Stephens, Secretary Karen Dwyer. Agenda was revised to include Record Book/Award discussion. Treasurer's report showed budget and expenditures. Will add balance info and profit/loss reports next.

Reports

- 4-H Dining Hall will be discussed at February meeting.
- Award donations, slightly lower than expenses. Horse awards donation report was presented.
- National 4-H Week, 4-H on the hill in Hot Springs is enlarged, pencils and suckers given at school. Noxon members talked to classes at school and brought rabbits to show. Hot Springs club also held a dance November 18, drawing 50 people and \$150 in donations.
- Achievement Day, positive feedback, setup was chairs and no tables, suggestions were to serve finger foods rather than only desserts, Ambassadors did a great job. Josh Champneys is working with Wendy to improve PA system. Leaders, remind adults to avoid profanity at 4-H events and Fair.
- Livestock Committee has made a few changes to the livestock policies. Suggestion: require members to sign a livestock policy copy. May change livestock sale at fair to be prior to the Awards presentations.
- Ambassadors went to Fall Leadership training, attended workshops and had fun. More members have joined from different communities. Held a dance after Thanksgiving, and a Christmas dance is planned using decorations left in place by the hospital's Christmas event. Ambassadors from each community are searching for community projects and the whole group will work together on chosen projects. Meetings are every 6 weeks. Suggestion: consider putting together a brief newsletter.
- Clubs' year plans, club officer lists, civil rights letters for all clubs have been submitted.
- Yearend financial reports, reviewed by Joanne. Remember to have two signatures on all club checks written, need the same for reimbursement checks and debit card use, make sure expenses are kept in the year in which they have been spent, and write the 1% check after reports have been audited.
- Sledding Party will be coordinated by Brooke Eldridge (Thank you!)

Old Business By-Laws review, tabled until February meeting and new agent arrival.

New Business

- Banking with First Security Bank requires council check signature updates. *Jen moved to add Wendy Carr, Terry Stephens, Ashley Haun, and Joanne Burk as current signatories for the Sanders County 4-H Council bank account(s), Karen seconded, motion carried.* Agents cannot sign checks, but need to have access to the account. Signatories will be updated in February when the new agent is on staff.
- Council agreed the Extension office manager should order award pins in advance to have on hand because of short supply in the fall.
- Communication Days gifts for judges will be cookie mix jars made by members, led by Linda Cook. Lunch hosts in Thompson Falls are Thompson Falls Mountaineers, in Hot Springs are South Side Sparks. Preference is to hold Stir-Ups the same weekend.
- State scholarships are due by February 14th. Suggestion: remind members of the importance of keeping record books up to date and complete for scholarship applications and to sell livestock.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Those present: President Joanne Burk, Vice-President Jen Avilla, Treasurer Terry Stephens, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Linda Cook and Juli Thurston – South Side Sparks, Taylor Etienne – Noxon/Heron Eagles, Sara Dana – Trout Creek Mavericks, County Agent Wendy Carr.