

Toole County 4-H Council

Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Toole County 4-H council was called to order at 5:30 on February 22, 2016 by President Donita Daniels.

Present

Donita Daniels, Cathy Ratzburg, Carrie Lerum, Anna Fretheim, Alice Burchak

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as read by Anna Fretheim.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Treasure's Report

\$20,338.17 in unrestricted funds

Committee/Events Reports

Livestock Committee Meeting – The committee decided to raise the percentage rate that they will charge the 4-H member to sell at the Fair Auction .25% to 3.25%. There will be no weigh-ins at the beginning of the project for Sheep and Swine, tagging will still be required and that will be done by Alice Burchak and/or Tom Welker if there is no new agent. A vote will be held at the next meeting (March 30, 2016) to decide if there should be a sheep tail docking length at the Fair.

Food Booth Committee Meeting – Lloyd Umdahl is looking into building a covered patio in memory of Angie Geko.

Ag Committee – The dog training that was held late December at the Exhibit Building was a huge success. They are looking to hold another one in the spring as well as a small Animal Clinic. The committee has decided to build a holding pen by the old sale barn for the sheep show. They would like to find a club/4-H members to build steps to improve the bleachers at the old sale barn.

Fair Bathroom - \$35,000 has currently been raised. Rebecca Ratzburg and Jessica Stoltz are seniors this year and this will be their last attempt at raising funds. They are currently holding a fundraiser. John McFarland from Conrad building is working

with the Fair Board on final plans and budget. Without the need for an architect, the total cost could be \$60,000.

Old Business

Much discussion was given to the 4-H Policy and By Laws. Alice will work on a final revised copy and email it out for review and to be voted on.

Round Tables were discussed with various suggestions on improvements. It was unanimously approved to revamp the process with nominations given by community members/parents/staff. The 4-H members will then receive notice from the Council office of nomination. If they accept, they will need to fill out a form stating what they did in the area to receive the nomination. An Awards Committee made up of volunteers will decide winners. It is the hope that this will include a larger percentage of 4-H members with the deserving members receiving recognition without having to commit another day to judging.

Project Day was a success with 30 4-H members attending.

New Business

A request to reimburse drivers to Fall Training was unanimously approved with the stipulation that gas receipts were required.

Toole County 4-H needs to find an additional Day Chair for Saturday of the 2016 Fair. Suggestions were made and Alice will contact them.

The state office has updated the record book forms online.

The Butter Braid fundraiser has begun. Orders are due to the office March 9, 2016. Braids can be picked up March 23, 2016 at the Sherriff's Office between 4:00-6:00.

Marias River Electric has asked the 4-H Council to provide dinner for their annual meeting April 8, 2016. Cathy Ratzburg will contact Dick Kinyon for a price quote for 125 lbs. of sliced Roast Beef and potato cubes, Carrie Lerum will call Tom O'Conell at Albertson's for a quote on the beef and Alice Burchak will check with TLC. MRE wants enough food for 250 people and they will pay \$8.00 per person. Duties and responsibilities are listed on the attached sheet.

It was unanimously approved to pay for the use of a School Bus to transport 4-H members to Camp in June. Applications for counselors are due and it is suggested to recruit young kids to attend.

The 2016 Fair will have online registration with a paper option available for this year only. Scanners will be used for check-in.

The first round of applicants was disappointing for the new Ag Agent, but the second round produced 6 good female applicants. Interviews will begin in the next 2-3 weeks.

Agent Alice Burchak is involved with the State office for Congress Contests. They will offer 2 new areas – Job Interview and Video. She would like us to consider hosting a County wide Demonstration Day as we did in the past.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by President Donita Daniels. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 on April 18, 2016, at the Extension Office.

Minutes submitted by: Anna Fretheim