

Toole County 4-H Council

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Barb Larsen at 6:29 pm. Other members present were Sanna Clark, Crystal McAlpine, Amy Smith, Kim Woodring, and Tawna Hanson. Tawna read the minutes from the last meeting on March 9, 2022. No corrections or additions were made; Amy gave the Treasurer report noting that as of August 31, 2022 the checking held a balance of \$17,894.72 and the savings held a balance of \$10,397.56. Amy reported the council received a donation from Logan Health Shelby in memory of Don Hartwell. No outstanding bills were reported. A motion was made by Crystal to accept the minutes of the March 9th meeting and the Treasure report as read. Amy seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Kim briefly reported that she attended the Fair Board meeting and noted that the members were pleased with the 4-H portion of the fair and no concerns were raised.

Old Business: All members had positive reports from Fair 2022 and no problems or concerns were noted. It was noted that due to scheduling conflicts there was no Project Day this year.

New Business: Discussion was had regarding this year's Achievement Day. Leader of the Year and Alumni of the Year nominations were reviewed. Discussion was then had for the Distinguished and Meritorious Awards. The Council Discussed having two possible recipients for Distinguished Service Award, _____ and Nanna Flesch. All Council members agreed that TLC Catering would be a great recipient for this year's Meritorious Service Award. Kim will send out an email vote to all Toole County members.

It was decided that Achievement Day will be held on November 6, 2022, at 5p.m. at the Sunburst Community Center. Council Members discussed and agreed to try having a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner along with the Awards Ceremony. It was agreed that the Council would oversee Décor and asking TLC Catering to cater the meat, Blazing Saddles and Kountry Kids Clubs would provide Salads and Ice Breaker games, and West Butte Club will bring dessert and drinks. Crystal will check on the availability of the Community Center. Kim will print up a flyer inviting local businesses to the Appreciation and Achievement Day dinner, the clubs are to include these flyers with the 4-H Thank You's during National 4-H week. Discussion was also had regarding public invite and requiring an RSVP so that enough food will be available.

Kim advised the council that she is planning to have an Open House during National 4-H Week to promote the program and encourage membership. She hopes to serve cupcakes. It was discussed by the council and agreed that Kim could use some of the money budgeted for the Project Day 2022 to help provide the Cupcakes. Kim stated she plans to contact Dan Nau with Sunburst Schools to work out a time for her to speak with kids and promote 4-H in the Sunburst community as well. Kim also stated that she will purchase some 4-H stickers and leave them with the Prairie Peddler, Cassie's Perks, and The Early Bird Coffee shops to decorate coffee cups during National 4-H week. The Walk-N-Wheel Day during National 4-H week will also be 4-H themed. Club leaders are to encourage their 4-H members to wear their club T-shirts to school. The Business Thank you list was reviewed.

Council members discussed the guidelines and application processes for the Nanna Flesch Memorial Scholarship that was generously started by the Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club in Lewis and Clark County.

It was noted that there is currently \$4,000 in this fund. \$1000 from the Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club and \$3,000 from the free will donation meal that TLC Catering sponsored on Sunday of the fair. Kim will write up a rough draft of the guidelines discussed tonight and email it out for council members to review. The goal is to get this finalized so that it may be implemented this year.

Barb notified the council that the Robotics Club would like to hold a Butterbraid sale again this November as a fundraising effort. She stated that they would also like to sell spaghetti dinner plates at this weeks Farmer's Market in Shelby. All other council members agreed that those were great fundraisers for the Robotics' Club and no conflicts were noted.

Marias River Electric is planning to have their annual meeting and dinner on October 28, 2022, at the Shelby School. The Toole County 4-H Council was asked to prepare and serve the dinner. After discussion Council members agreed to serve the dinner the same as has been done in the past. Kim will check with TLC Catering to see what the price would be for them to cook the meat for us. It was agreed to use the same format that was established at the last MRE dinner in 2019. Kim will email Club Organization leaders the sheet that has the duties and responsibilities of each club.

Other: Kim voiced a concern about increasing numbers of families interested in joining 4-H in Shelby and the lack of adult volunteer leaders. Kim suggested that another club may need to be started to keep club numbers at a manageable membership if only a few parents are willing to step up and be leaders. The question of whether a cap would need to be placed on club membership also arose. Tawna suggested that Kim reach out to the State 4-H and see if there are guidelines that help with this type of situation. Sanna suggested a written statement be handed out at membership sign ups that clearly states the Parent's duties and the 4-H member's duties. This statement would need to be signed by parents and members acknowledging their commitment and agreement, the form would then be kept with member enrollment records. Kim will type up a rough draft and email it to council members for review.

Tawna Hanson gave notice that she will be retiring from her position as Organization leader for West Butte 4-H Club and as a Toole County 4-H Council member at the end of tonight's meeting.

The next meeting will be December 6,2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Toole County Extension Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Tawna Hanson, Secretary