

Toole County 4-H Council

January 14, 2025, 6:30p.m.

Toole County Extension Office

Toole County 4-H Leader's Council was called to order on January 14, 2025 at 6:30p.m. in the Toole County Extension Office by president, Emilie Vetch. Members present were: Crystal McAlpine and Jesse Thompson- West Butte, Sanna Clark and Lindsey Habets- Kountry Kids, Ashley Denno and Alyssa Besancon- Ranching Rascals, Emilie Vetch- Blazing Saddles, Barb Larsen- Cloverbuds and Kim Woodring- Agent.

Minutes were approved as read. Sanna moved and Emilie seconded.

We received a thank you from John and Jean Flesch for selecting them as Distinguished Service award winners.

Treasurer's report was given by Ashley. There is \$16,692.98 in the Montana 4-H Foundation investment account, \$24,661.24 in the checking account and \$10,491.81 in the savings account. Alyssa moved and Sanna seconded to accept the report. Barb submitted \$42 for the Cloverbuds, prize money from the Marias Museum Gingerbread House Contest. Sanna moved and Alyssa seconded to reimburse Ashley for paper products bill from MRE Dinner, \$96.52, passed.

Kim reported on the Fair Board- same rodeo, tweaking of family ticket prices, they are looking at getting a swamp cooler for the livestock barn. Small Ag Committee- hoping to purchase a swamp cooler for the small animal barn, next meeting- January 21, 2025.

Alyssa reported on the Food Booth Committee- same menu, Mike Fugle will step up as maintenance, looking for cooks, getting a printer for order slips and a handheld device to pay at pop window, dealing with the Fixe family, cup logo has been selected, looking for day chairs- paid \$150/day, next meeting is April 14, 2025.

Unfinished business was discussed. 990's and 1% fees are due mid-February.

Christmas tree pre-sales went fairly well, it worked nicely to have sales at the Hardware Hank store. Robyn Kimmet purchased the last 20 trees to feed to her goats. Profit of \$1,274.

We made a contribution to the MT 4-H Foundation of \$615= \$5 x 123 members. Sanna moved to make the contribution and Ashley seconded, passed.

120 attended Achievement Day in Sunburst. Pulled pork, buns and sauce were ordered from the Montana Club for \$567=\$3.78/person, 150 servings were purchased. In 2023 Achievement Day cost \$931.07. This year it cost \$2,915.23. We had to order more awards and pay \$75 for the

Sunburst Civic Center. It was decided to keep ordering meat for Achievement Day and have the rest of the meal a potluck. It will be in Shelby in 2025.

MRE Dinner- we planned for 300 and served 120, lots of food leftover, sign up genius worked well for shifts. In 2023 we had a profit of \$2050 and in 2024 \$2403.48. We were paid \$4,200 by MRE this year. Christiaens gave us a 50% discount because they forgot us. It was roast beef. It was decided to reimburse clubs \$50. Meat and paper products will be purchased by the council. Spread sheet of costs will be updated to see if \$50 per club is enough reimbursement.

The budget was discussed under new business. Changes were made. Ashley will get back to us about Clay Busters so we can amend the budget to pay for their pizza party. It was moved by Sanna to pay a professional accountant to adjust the books a onetime fee of \$500 and to accept the amended budget, Alyssa seconded, it passed.

Barb moved and Alyssa seconded that we cast a unanimous ballot for Emilie Vetch- President, Crystal McAlpine- Vice President, Ashley Denno- Treasurer and Lindsey Habets- Secretary. It passed.

Public Presentation Day will be March 30. Kim will contact FBC to see if it can be held there.

Project Day will be determined by Kim and possibly be held in April.

4-H Camp will be at Highwood MFU this year. June 24-27. Transportation was discussed- 2 buses or have families drive their kids. Counties participating are: Toole, Glacier, Pondera, Liberty, Hill, Blaine and Philips. No canoeing but there will be archery. Counselor applications are on Z-Suites and due mid-February. There will be counselor trainings in March and April.

Sanna moved and Alyssa seconded to send \$100 for the Legislative Breakfast, passed.

Sanna moved and Alyssa seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2025, 6:30p.m. at the Toole County Extension Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Larsen, Acting Secretary