

January 25, 2021 5:30pm

Meeting of the Toole County 4-H Council was called to order. Members present were Sanna Clark, Barb Larson, Tawna Hanson, Amy Smith, Crystal McAlpine and Kim Woodring. Anna Fretheim retired from the council.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected (with the correct spelling of Barb Larsen's name) was made by Barb Larsen and seconded by Sanna Clark. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Correspondence was received from Brenda McDonald with Bridge AgriPartners. They are now doing business in the area. They would like to donate to the 4-H Council to help build strong leaders with a relation to agriculture. No donation amount was disclosed, so Kim will contact them for more information, and then write up a proposal.

The treasurer's report was presented, but the financial committee had not yet met with incoming treasurer Amy Smith, so it was decided to wait for the financial committee to meet, then Council will vote on the budget remotely.

Reports from committees/events:

The Livestock Committee will be meeting this coming Wednesday. The Small Animal Committee has not yet met this year, but has planned a day to sew curtains for the Small Animal barn. There is a workshop planned by the Horse Committee this coming Saturday. The Food Booth Committee had a meeting last week, but Kim was unable to attend. It was reported that the Fair Board is planning for the fair as normal.

Old Business:

A brief discussion was held for brainstorming ways to encourage special award recipients in the community to attend the County Achievement day. Ideas were shared and will be revisited at a date closer to the next Achievement Day. Kim reported good attendance on Project day that was held on Monday, January 18, 2021. Kim reported on Ambassador attendance for the On-Line Legislative Breakfast. Kim noted that the Z-suite enrollment went well, but the leaders were not billed the leaders fee and a select few club members have not paid their dues. After discussion, Kim was encouraged to send a bill to the leaders and members that still owe dues to the County for this year.

New Business:

Kim reported that she received a bill from the State MSU Extension for the background checks that were done on new Leaders. Tawna made a motion for the bill to be paid as billed, Sanna seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Discussion regarding the 1% fee that is charged to us was held. Kim voiced she is not fully understanding the fee and will contact the state office for clarification. This agenda item was tabled for now.

Kim shared with the council that Mr. Fred Greco is undergoing healthcare difficulties at this time. She shared the fundraising efforts of Glacier County clubs to help Mr. Greco with his medical bills. After much discussion, a motion was made by Sanna to donate \$1/Butterbraid sold during our April Butterbraid

fundraiser to go towards helping long time 4-H volunteer, Mr. Fred Grecko. Tawna seconded the motion, all members were in favor and the motion passed.

Kim reported that Alice will be working through the first week of February and then will officially retire. Tawna made a motion for \$50 flower bouquet be sent to Alice on her last week as a Thank you for her service and congratulations on her retirement from the Council. Sana seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Kim encouraged club leaders to apply for funds from the Wanken Fund if they need help meeting special registration fees for camps and other state events.

Amy Smith has recently joined the Council and has volunteered to complete Anna Fretheim's term as Treasurer for the Council. Crystal made a motion to accept Amy Smith as Council Treasurer, Tawna seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Kim shared with the council that we have received a memorial money gift in the name of Mr. Greg Taylor, a long-time supporter of 4-H in our community. After discussion on the best use of this gift, it was agreed upon to have Kim investigate pricing for the purchase of a Portable Small Animal Scale. This scale would be available to small animal members in Toole County. A plaque with Mr. Taylor's name and donation would be placed in the Sale barn at the fair grounds as well. Kim will investigate options and email us with her findings.

Kim reported that she has been informed that the County Commissioners are hesitant to rehire Alice's position, and are also hesitant to hire Kim a full time assistant. Kim asked that we send letters of support for some assistance to the County Commissioners.

Next meeting is March 29,2021 at 5:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Crystal and seconded by Tawna. The meeting was adjourned.

Tawna Hanson, Secretary