

April 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Amy Hein. Elaine Berrones lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Lin Wozniewski, Christy Long, Linda Dillon, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Justine Gatlin, Jackie Gerner, Judy Dawson, Nathan Jamroz, Michelle Humbert, Julie Ziese,, Elaine Berrones, Patti Nichols, Rebekah Lamb, Amanda Woodsworth, Megan Bush, and Jennifer Haynes.

The secretary's report for November has been on-line. Patti Nichols moved to accept the secretaries report. Rebekah Lam seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Deposits for April were \$80,630.810 and withdrawals were \$4,912.10, leaving a balance in the bank of \$75,210.71. Megan Bush moved to accept the treasurers report. Linda Dillon second. Motion carried. There was no endowment report.

Correspondence: Several memorial donations have been received in the name of James Teibel specifically requesting they go to the Auction Fund. Traditionally memorials have been put in the endowment fund. Linda Dillon made a motion to honor the donor's request and put the money in the Auction fund. Megan Bush seconded. Motion passed.

Special Discussion: Amy Hein requested that people taking their gap year refrain from making motions or seconding motions to comply with the by-laws and prevent the person in charge of the meeting from having to remember who is taking their gap year. To keep the minutes of the previous meeting legal, when everyone forgot who was and who was not technically on the board, Linda Dillon moved that the March minutes be made officially legal. Patti Nichols seconded. Motion passed.

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kasparian, Janet Kraynik: The Auction dinner has been booked at a cost of \$13.85/person. There will be lots of entrée options.

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi reported that the Horse and Pony committee met virtually last month and went over the rule changes.

Junior Leaders: Elaine Berrones and Nathan Jamroz. Nathan Jamroz and Elaine Berrones reported that the Junior Leaders had volunteered at Phill's Friends, coloring cards, packing boxes, and making blankets. The Junior Leaders were awarded a YES grant to build a Wash Stand to go with the High Tunnel. The Ambassadors were awarded a YES grant to build a robot table for the STEM Center at the Lake County 4-H Building at the Fair. They hope to have these built to show off at the Indiana 4-H Foundation Banquet May 18th.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Patti Nichols reported that there had been no meeting. She suggested a meeting be set up of interested parties. Julie Ziese and Lin Wozniewski agreed to meet with Patti to move the By-law changes forward.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniewski reported that the audits on the County Committee and Auction Committee had been successfully completed, but that Horse and Pony was not yet done.

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. Amy Hein indicated there was nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports

Achievement Night: Amy Hein, Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Amy Hein indicated that the date for the Achievement Night that was voted on last meeting needed to be advertised more in the Clover Connections and on-line. It was suggested that Haley be asked to work on this project.

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dillon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Linda Dillon reported that the Ambassador Interviews were all set and reminded everyone that the cover letters and applications for the Ambassador Awards and the other both middle school and high school awards were due May 1.

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniewski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniewski reported that there was another workshop put on by the Ambassadors coming up in May. This one would be on filling out ROAs. The YES grant was announced.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette Dubord Nothing to report

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniewski, Lisa Bubala. Amy Hein reported that this was the easiest year ever with no last minute changes needed. Lin Wozniewski pleaded for more help to pass out geraniums. The numbers were pretty close to last years.

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham there was nothing to report

Trophies/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda Dillon indicated she was in contact with Crown Trophy. Tariffs were making things unpredictable, And Crown suggested the medals and trophies be ordered as soon as possible to avoid added costs and delays. Amy indicated the Animal projects were no where near ready to place their order yet.

Amy Hein indicated she and Amber met with the Rotary Club and were able to secure a donation of \$15,000 for the Livestock General Fund. The goal for the year is \$20,000 to pay for the Barn Dinners, Barn Battle, Judging Entries, etc. In addition they were able to secure donations of food for the Barn Dinners.

Amy also brought up the fact that one of the sources of money for the Livestock General Fund was the \$1.00 per head walking across any of the various scales. Given the number of animals that walk across the scales, this source of income has faded and is a pain for the families since it has to be paid in cash when the animal walks across the scale. Patti Nichols moved to eliminate the scale fee for 4-H animals, but keep it for open class. Rebekah Lamb seconded. Motion passed.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord indicated promotions were going along well.

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniewski Amy Hein thanked Linda and Lin for the food provided for the County Committee.

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Jackie Gerner reported that the contract had been signed. She suggested that a date, time, and location for unloading the trailer be advertised to all the pantries. Any pantry wanting to pickup donations would be asked to show up with loading help at the advertised location, date, and time.

The possibility of having a competition between the barns on amount of food collected was discussed. It was decided with the number of members belonging to more than one barn, the amount of work the barns are already, and the amount of work the Stoc-the-Trailer was already, there just was not enough personnel to handle the added work load.

Old Business:

Urban Ag: None

Internal Audit: Report given previously

4-H Building Improvements: Linda Dillon reported that all of the new shelving for the building had been purchased from Merrillville's JoAnn's Fabrics. It was to be picked up on the last day of May. It is still not clear what will need to be done about the broken showcases.

New Business:

None

Educator Comments:

Jennifer reminded everyone about the upcoming Indiana 4-H Foundation Banquet on May 18th from 11:30-2:00. Everyone should have received an invitation.

Patti Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Woodward seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski