



PORTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm
2. PLEDGES Pledge of Allegiance: Ryan Wilson 4-H Pledge: Elizabeth White
3. MINUTES APPROVAL: November 19, 2024 1st: Lisa Teel 2nd: Kathy Wilder – Minutes Approved
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob presented line items on budget. Bookkeeping paid out: Scholarships paid, paid manuals & kits, postage etc. So far spent \$6,638.55 of \$87,982.00 budgeted as of 2/11/25
 - a. Bob presented all investment accounts that have been emptied and closed as of 12/31/24. All moved to First Source Checking.)
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: 1st: Jacob Reed, 2nd: Ryen Schillmiller – Approved
5. EXTENSION REPORTS
 - a. JUNIOR LEADERS: Elizabeth White & Jennifer: JL's meeting played a murder mystery game about decision making skills at Feb meeting. In January the JL's played a board game about food security/insecurity. No officers will be elected this year. Reaching out to clubs to network and promote JL's
 - b. AG SOCIETY: Approved budget & talked about state conference.
 - c. EXTENSION BOARD: Met and elected officers January 30th. Mark Ritzi is continuing as president and welcomed some new members. They will be having a tree sale April 6. Most items will be pre-ordered.
 - d. EXTENSION EDUCATOR: Jenifer presented a fun game about the 4-H flow chart. Enrolment at 658 & 152 mini – 810. Goal is 1065. Jen will show a sheep in the alumni class at the county sheep show. Deadline to enroll is 2/28.
 - i. New Rabbit Supt introduced: Levi Oman. Looking to move rabbit show back. Minor changes including using online enrollment.
 - ii. Still in need more volunteers for project superintendents.
 - e. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - i. EXECUTIVE: Met before meeting. Moved all scholarship funds. New website for council will be coming with emails for the council.
 - ii. AWARDS: Possibly changing name to Scholarships Committee
 1. Keller will have more for next meeting. Applications due moved to 4/15
 2. JL's discussed new idea for all plaques
 - a. Gift Cards in lieu of plaques
 - b. Noah Case thinks we should keep the plaques for livestock
 - c. Small cards – if you get the plaque you need to return it and we will order them.

- d. Meagan suggests building sponsors
- e. Letter Jacket patches
- f. Bring your ideas – Discuss in March Meeting

g. Proposed to give out to Club Leaders to discuss

- 3. Meagan talked to Supt's for livestock – Livestock projects will do their own plaques/trophies

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iii. BUDGET: Done in Treasurer's report

iv. CONSTITUTION: None

v. RULES COMMITTEE: None

- f. Motion to accept all committee reports: 1st: Jeff Weitzel, 2nd: Cyndi Morgan

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Handbooks will be up to date 2/17/25

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. President and V.P. summit recap explained what they learned. Trying to put all information out so all counties are on the same page.
 - i. Mission & Vision Statements given. Changes will need to be made to align with Purdue & follow Purdue's guidelines.
 - 1. Bylaw term limits
 - 2. Anti-Nepotism for council as voting members
 - 3. MOU needed for Extension office from Council
- b. Create new committees for 2025: Email going out to create new committees. (Justin Update send to Heather from google drive)
- c. 4-H Open House: Supts out to clubs & council having more of a role in March or April. Project Supts needed to help have their tables staffed.
- d. 4-H Camp: Approved 7K for camp from budget. \$200 per kid to go, 28 total capped at the 7k. Councilors would be at \$25
 - i. Bob says we can appropriate money if we need to in order to send more kids and pay more for all kids.
 - ii. Cyndi Morgan proposes we pay for all councilors as well.
 - 1. Lisa Teel made a motion to increase budget \$1600, 2nd Jacob Reed
- e. Jen will be going into schools to do presentations on embryology end of March
- f. Any members who wish to be at large a letter must be sent in to Heather stating your intention to be an At Large Member. Must be registered as a volunteer.

8. MAKING THE BEST BETTER None

9. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

10. NEXT MEETING Tuesday, March 18, 2025 @ 7 pm Expo East Upstairs

11. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn: 1st Lisa Teel, 2nd Cyndi Morgan