

## **Leaders Council Meeting held at Fergus County Extension Office**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Sonja Gregory. Minutes were approved (Cody England/Carla Horan). Treasurer's report was accepted and motion to file for audit passed. (Nicole Tholt/Carla Horan)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

State 4-H Rec Lab, April 24-26 in Hobson - Early Bird Registration due March 25.  
Valentines Cakes due in the Extension Office by : p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.  
Help delivering Valentine's cakes is needed on Friday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.  
Let Jennifer know if you can.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Livestock:** It was reported the committee had discussed fair changes and judges for this years fair.

**Horse:** The Ranch Horse show will be at the fairgrounds this year. The same fundraiser will be held this year. Each participant will get sponsors, each member who gets over \$100 in sponsorships will go into a drawing for a prize. The horse show judge will be the same as last year. Ranch Horse judge and workshop days were also discussed.

**Small Animal:** The Small Animal Committee discussed judges and superintendents. June 1st, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a mock dog show at Workman's. Small animal showmanship will follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagle's basement. A Jaycee's grant has been applied for to help purchase dog show supplies. Chris Enland is working on grants to help purchase fans for the small animal barn.

**Miscellaneous:** Will meet 2-11-20 at 5:30 p.m.

**FCS:** Chris England is looking at Caslan the Friday before Easter: making the residents lunch, Easter eggs, etc. A sewing/knitting/crochet day is in the works as well. Details to follow. Shelly Van Haur stated that fair entries for FCS are accepted in Open Class and to let members know that there are cash prizes.

**Food Booth:** Will meet directly after Leader's Council meeting

### **OTHER REPORTS**

**Ambassadors:** John Cody Gilbert reported the Mental Health Panel was a success and will be continued in the future. Cassandra Cox reported Farm Safety Day will be April 21, 2020; teen group leaders are needed. Let the Ambassadors know if your members can help. Traveling Farm will be April 13, 2020. This year indoor projects are encouraged to be brought

to show the elderly, as well as animals. The Toiletry drive is ongoing. Items need to be delivered to the Extension Office by April 7th. Counting will take place after Traveling Farm. The club that collects the most toiletries will win ice cream. Ambassadors will also be contacting club leaders about club presentations.

**4-H Foundation:** Jennifer Saunders reported for Jordan that no big changes are in the works.

**State Leaders Council:** No report. Kayce Workman is still looking for a replacement. If you're interested in being the State Leaders Council representative, get in touch with her.

## ACTIVITY REPORTS

Cassandra Cox and Cody England reported the Parli Pro team attended Western National 4-H Leadership Roundup in Denver, CO from January 8-12. They competed in the Gavel Games competition and placed 3rd. They were also able to attend some good workshops, the stock show, and a rodeo.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EIN Fees due: U-Bet - \$8.19, New Horizons - \$22.65, Big Sky - \$11.62

Heart of the Snowies needs auditor signatures.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Leaders Council Scholarship:** Jennifer Saunders asked that any revision suggestions regarding the scholarship be forwarded to her. Any memorials received go into the scholarship fund. Encourage seniors to apply. In order to be eligible to receive the scholarship, the recipient must complete their first semester of college, turn in their grades, and prove that they are enrolled in the second semester. Current balance \$1778.00

A motion to make a yearly limit of two \$500 scholarships was then amended to state two \$250 scholarships was carried. (Corry Arntzen/Jenny Wherley) Two \$250 scholarships will now be awarded annually.

**Rec Lab:** Registration fees/early bird fees were discussed. A motion to pay \$40 towards each teen who has been involved in the planning process, leaving them a \$35 balance, was carried. (Nicole Tholt/Corry Arntzen) A motion to pay the full registration amount of \$75 for all leaders involved in the planning process was carried. (Corry Arntzen/Nicole Tholt)

Teens: Berkley Stroh, Dani Horan, John Cody Gilbert, Levi Poser, Morgan Ward, Quincy Workman, Raya Carlson, Cassandra Cox, Trace Martin, Brady Bantz, and Cody England.

Leaders: Chris England, Jada Bantz, Tova Gerer, Kayce Workman, Judi Martin, and Michelle Farley.

**Rec Lab cont.** Encourage kids to come to Rec Lab. Reminder to Kids: if you come, you stay on site, even if you're from Fergus County. Local leaders are permitted to commute. If any club would like to help with kitchen duties, let Jennifer know.

**Ag Building Fund:** A discussion was held regarding \$1237.00 in the Ag Building Fund. Jennifer stated the money was raised years ago for improvements in the Ag building and has never been used; she asked for ideas on where else that money could be put to good use. Yvette Hersel suggested the Food Booth and reported there are several places that need improvement. I.e. front door, sign, fridge, big stainless steel table, etc. It was suggested that some of the money could be used to purchase supplies and county members could help build things to fix it up. She will do some research and report back.

**New Online Record Book System:** Jennifer Saunders reported there is a new online record book system being researched. (Zsuites/Zingbook) The members can do all of their records online while leaders and county officials can access all the records as well. Jennifer will create a test account and will email it to all the club leaders. Next year the members will be able to decide if they would like to do paper or online records. Discussion was held regarding future use at interview day etc.

Jennifer also reported the State 4-H Office is not happy with 4-H online and will be working on another program.

Chris England requested the Leaders Education Fund pay Cassandra Cox \$50 for the suicide prevention play she is purchasing the rights to for a Rec Lab presentation. A motion to do so passed. (Judi Martin/Yvette Hersel)

The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 30th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Complex.**

Meeting Adjourned (Shelly Van Haur/Stacie Arntzen)