

Static Projects Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 19th, 2022

In attendance: Sarah Bock, Allison Smith, Michelle Farley and Yvette Hersel

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Sarah Bock. The minutes were read and there were no changes made. Sarah shared that she would try to provide an updated treasurer report at the next meeting as there was a current error in the quick book account.

The committee discussed the Outdoor day that was held in June. The committee all agreed that the day went well and the kids seemed to really enjoy it. They also discussed trying to get more members that are not all family members of the planning committee to attend to make the event more worthwhile. They discussed that it may not be worth it to have Outdoor day again next year if they cannot gain more interest across clubs.

The committee then discussed the indoor auction that occurred during the fair. Some pros that were highlighted were the time slot for the auction (6 PM instead of 4 PM), the location at the free stage, the auctioneer doing a good job, and the stats for numbers of kids, the number of buyers, and average price all went up. For improvements, one suggestion was that we have the kids write thank you notes and pick up their checks/cash at the office the following week. This would be beneficial because the kids would have more time to write a thank you note and the payments could be better organized. It was also discussed that it could be beneficial to have a “waitlist” of projects that could be sold if enough red ribbons were given, and the auction was not full. One option would be having the kids be allowed to sign up for more projects to sell but only given that opportunity if the auction was not full. Lastly, it was suggested that the intent to sell money be collected on the interview day so that kids would not pay unless they received blues and knew they would sell.

year	# reg. buyers	total sales	avg/ price	# of items sold	# of members selling	# of members intending to sell	# of items intended to sell	Notes
2021	30	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 90.77	13	10	10	13	
2022	31	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 109.69	16	13	16	24	12 repeat reg. buyers; 19 new reg. buyers

The next discussion was a review of the fair. Some suggestions that were discussed for improving the fair next year were to make sure the judges knew how to judge at an age-appropriate level and to ask judges to provide more feedback (especially when giving red ribbons). Michelle asked if our number of static projects has been growing over the years and if we may run out of space. Sarah said she was not sure but that she would check for the next meeting.

On behalf of Cody Ream, Sarah brought up a school carnival that would be occurring on October 8th and asked if there would be any interest in indoor projects to be displayed at that to advertise 4-H. Cody was willing to be there that day to help organize that. The committee shared that they did not feel that kids would be available to be there that day but if Cody wanted to have posters displayed and be there

himself, they would let kids know to bring posters/projects to the office. Sarah shared that she would send out an email if the office decided to move forward.

Lastly, the committee discussed potential ways to fundraise over the next year. Sarah suggested that the kids could put together recipes and make a 4-H cookbook to sell over the year. She thought this would be beneficial because many kids could contribute without having to find a specific day to do an in-person fundraiser. This could also be a way to continually fundraise over time. The cookbooks could be sold at the fair, at the indoor auction, and in the office. Yvette shared the idea of having the kids put together a Calendar. This calendar could be silly, themed pictures of the kids with animals. We could make this a competition beginning this December where the 4-Hers could send pictures each month and the winner would get to be on the calendar for the next year. The committee decided to discuss this more in-depth at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM The next meeting will be on October 24th at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office.