

Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting

February 4, 2020

State Building, Thompson Falls

Pledges were recited.

Minutes of December's Meeting: approved as written.

Agenda Review: No changes.

Treasurer's Report: None. There have been a number of fraud cases in the area recently. Recognizing that council officers are volunteers and time can become limited, the Council must be diligent about staying on top of the budgeting and expenditure details. A Treasurer's report will be provided at the April meeting.

Correspondence: None

Livestock Committee Report: The committee has a balance of \$6,929. Logistics of the round robins are being finalized, Fair improvements are being discussed, and judges are being sought. The Horse committee has updated their policies and procedures. Swine quality assurance training is on February 10.

Ambassador's report: No meetings have been held yet this year. A regular meeting schedule is being constructed.

Record book committee: The state record book app was recently launched and will allow for real-time record-keeping. Info will be sent to members soon.

Fair Projects: Plans for shelving at the pavilion and restroom repairs are forthcoming. Juli will talk to the Fair Manager about a new lock for the storage room door. The Fair Board will be asked if converting the bathrooms under the grandstands to vendor showers is in the works for this year; a grant may help support that effort.

Budget Proposal 2019-2020: A proposed budget was not available. There is some confusion regarding which Managed Agency Account funds are available for use and which are intended as endowments (and just the earnings are intended for use). Juli will ask a representative from the 4H Foundation to review these details at the April Council meeting for clarification.

Fundraising: Fruit sales are scheduled for Feb 9-19. Kim will build the order submittal app and distribute to leaders. T-shirt designs for top sellers are due Feb 24. Council approved the selection of Sanders County 4-H as beneficiary of the Avista Golf Scramble on August 15. Juli and Ashley will be primary contacts and council members will be committee members. The dinner, auction, and donation card ideas were tabled until further notice. Growing Clover Crowdfunding is a new program that Juli came across; information was distributed. Grants will be applied for as needed; Juli is maintaining a list of sources.

Council Officers: In light of potentially changing officers, Joanne mentioned there are ways to vote people in that can serve as secondary signers on checks or act as co-Treasurer to satisfy the need to have signers on the bank account in close proximity to each other. This may allow for inclusion of members on the Council and to act as Officers even if they are located near each other to ease financial transactions. These options will be discussed more when officer positions change.

Scholarships: Four graduating seniors qualify for scholarships. A report of available funds will be provided at the April meeting.

Communication Days: Whitepine Happy Workers will host lunch in Thompson Falls on March 7. Hot Springs Wranglers will host lunch in Hot Springs on March 8.

Hometown Welcome Program: The Clark Fork Valley Press asked the Council to consider advertising in their flier that is mailed to new residents in Mineral and Sanders counties. It does not seem to be a good fit for Sanders County 4-H.

Announcements: Registrations for Communication Days are due by February 5. The county 4H website is undergoing a major upgrade and is much easier to use. Members are encouraged to check it out for forms or information they may need. Club payments for manuals are due to the Extension office.

Members present: Juli Thurston, Carrie Guenzler (on phone), Joanne Burk, Kim Bergstrom, Karen Dwyer, Ben Croft, Ashley Devol-Haun, Vicky Croft.