

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 – MARSHALL COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

1. The Marshall County 4-H Council met on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office Room 304. **The meeting was called to order by President, Stu Neidlinger.**

2. The **American** and **4-H Pledges** were recited.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

A. The **August 6, 2009 Minutes** were approved. There was discussion concerning the awards committee meeting. Written in the minutes the meeting was to take place at the extension office and the agenda written as the meeting place would be at the fair grounds. Clarification was made and the meeting will be at the extension office on Sept. 15 at 7:00 p.m. as written in the minutes. There was a motion by Rob Ellis to accept the minutes and seconded by Ryan Sieber. Motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report – a copy of the treasurer's report was presented. There was a motion to approve that report by Tina Eylich and seconded by Mary Lou Thompson. Motion carried. *At this time Larry McCollough was present to ask the council for financial support of the senior and junior horse and pony judging teams. They won the State competition and will be moving onto the Nationals in Ohio. Larry handed out itineraries so council members could review the schedule and the estimated cost of the trip. A motion was made by Ron Rensberger to donate \$250.00 to the team and seconded by Betty Hostetler. Motion carried. Larry thanked the council for their donation and continued support.*

4. COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS

A. Junior Leaders – Randy reported – Election of Officers took place at the August meeting. President – Daniel Hummel, 1st Vice – Michaila Nate, 2nd Vice – Riley Carswell, Secretary – Kelsey Strahla, Treasurer Blake Lemler and Activity Directors – Darin Harrell and Tyler Vermillion. Pepsi has not picked up the rest of the product so there is no final numbers on how the concession stand did. They are planning their annual hayride/callout meeting.

B. Fair Board – Greg Carswell reported. The fair will be July 11 – 17 for 2010 and we will have the same carnival as last year. It was discussed to keep the fair this week as 4-Her's commented that it gave them a week off before falls sports at school started. Fulton County may change to the third week as they did not like competing with the Marshall County Fair.

C. Fish Fry Committee – Open discussion on fish fry to tie up loose ends. All Townships except North and Walnut have signed up to work. North signed up for clean up. Fair board – start cutting up fish 2:00, West Twp.- Breeding 2:00 to 4:00, Green – Breeding 4:00 to 6:00 or until done, Polk – Serving line 4:00 to 5:30, Center serving line 5:30 to 7:00, German – table workers 4:00 to 5:30, Tippecanoe – table workers 5:30 to 7:00 and Union – Carry out. Need help to unload the Gordon's truck at the fair grounds on Friday, Sept. 11. Truck should arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. Volunteers are Rob Ellis, Carrie Harrell, Ryan Sieber and Henry Tibbs. Carrie will call about getting the cooler turned on ahead of time in the Dairy Bar. Ron Rensberger will bring a trailer to put fish on. Rob will get tank for water bottles. Some presale ticket money was turned in.

D. Awards Committee – **Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 15 at the Extension Office at 7:00. The County Award Applications are due to the E.O. on Friday, September 11.**

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trophy sponsors – There are still a hand full of sponsors that have not paid their sponsorship money to date. Emails & reminders have been sent.

B. Fair Evaluation Meeting was held on Aug. 25th at the fair grounds. Troy Heckaman, Greg Carswell, Stu Neidlinger and Herb Newman conducted the meeting. They took questions and concerns from those who attended. Mostly, it seemed to be a misunderstanding on how things were done. Once an explanation was given, the concern was understood. In regards to the fair Ron stated that they are looking for a wheat field to haul manure from the fair grounds next year.

C. Leader Calendars are ordered. First State Bank of Bourbon and REMC are the sponsors for the calendars.

D. Leader Banquet is Thursday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pretty Lake Church. Each township is to provide 10 door prizes at no more than \$10.00 each and they must be wrapped. Held nominations for Friend of 4-H and Friend of Extension. Ryan Sieber made a motion for the Friend of 4-H nominee; Greg seconded. Motion carried. Ryan will collect information for the “bio” and application. Betty Hostetler made a motion for the Friend of Extension nominee; Kendall seconded. Motion carried.

E. Policy & Procedure Meeting will be held on September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the fair-grounds.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Club Audits – The selected townships will be notified in October. They will need to bring bank statements for a year and receipts. It was suggested that maybe in the future that council and fair board look at each other’s records or full audit by an outside source.

B. Greenhouse Quest – Each council member is to complete the survey form that was provided to us by the new sales and marketing rep. Flower committee will be meeting sometime in October.

C. Drug – Free Programming – October 22 there will be two programs. Gang Conference at Christos. There is gang activity in Marshall County. At 6:00 p.m. that night there will be a speaker, David Parnell on methamphetamine. Randy will be attending both of these. Mr. Parnell will be speaking at local schools during the day. Most meth is brought in to the county.

D. Review & Diversity Committee – 4-H in the classroom information and mini enrollment forms in Spanish are a couple of ways the committee has proposed to offer 4-H in 2010. Randy suggested this committee meet again in October or November; will set a date at the next meeting.

7. EDUCATORS COMMENTS

The Clover Chatter went out yesterday and this is still a busy time of the year for the 4-H Program. ES237 Report is coming up in September; club activity report forms from each 4-H Club need turned into the E.O. to help complete these reports. Room 207 is available to us, when the room is ready. There will be a phone number to call to reserve the room for meetings. It can hold 60 to 70 people where Room 307 was bigger. Not sure about being able to have meetings on both floors at the same time. There may be no more cleaning crews in the building in the evening. Employees agreed that they can help clean their own offices to help cut costs in the amount of \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. Youth Leadership of Marshall County starts meeting Sept. 12 at Culver Academy. This group meets through May.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Henry Tibbs made a motion to adjourn and Ron Rensberger seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Carrie Harrell, Secretary