

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL
Monday, January 17, 2011
Goodells County Park

Present: Jessie Aguinaga, Steve Aguinaga, Dale Avery, Jackie Avery, Denise Czostkowski, Jenny Fox, Peggy Gregg, Raemi Kunath, Rebecca Kunath, Connie Murray, Kim Newberry, Jenn Putney, Chris Ruemenapp, Jeff Schelske, Ashley Sebastian, Donna Sill, Crystal Sovey, Linda Thueme, Rob Usakowski, JoLee VanTroostenberghe, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck, Mike Whitenight and Tom Whitenight

Excused: Al Leone, Cindy Leone and Jodi Veldman

Absent: Betty Stephens

- I. Call to Order – Raemi Kunath called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Crystal Sovey moved the agenda be accepted, Jeff Schelske seconded, motion carried.
- III. Secretary's Report/Correspondence – The minutes were distributed from the November 22, 2010 meeting. Kim Newberry moved the minutes be approved, Rob Usakowski seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Raemi passed around a copy of the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance as of November 15, 2010 was \$8,047.15. Income was \$100.64 from interest and a returned check from SCC Parks Ground Deposit. Expenses were \$693.99 for plaques for Friend of 4-H, Pins for the Leader's Banquet, Friend of 4-H plates for the tree in the Extension Office, supplies for the pot luck dinner, float decorations, candy for the Christmas parade in Yale and calendars for the Dog Committee. The ending balance is \$7,453.80.
- V. Staff Report – Lori stated that re-enrollment is finished. There are two clubs currently not in good standing, two clubs have disbanded and two new clubs started this year. We currently have 57 official clubs with 213 official leaders and 743 4-H members enrolled as of today. Lori also explained the change in the hours at the Extension Office. They are open from 8:00 – 4:30 but closed from 12:00 – 1:00 for lunch. Lori and Leann will be going to a retreat and will tell us all she learned at the next meeting. They have been working on Animal Mania and they will be having 4-H Day Camp meeting soon.
- VI. Fair Board Report – no report.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Auction: Raemi passed around sign up sheets for jobs to be done for the set up day and the day of the auction and also a sheet for food donations for the concession stand. The auction set up will be held on Friday, February 25th and the auction will be Saturday, February 26th. Jenn Putney stated she put the Roller Hockey items on Craig's list but so far there haven't been any bids.

- B. Awards: The Awards Committee met this evening regarding County Medals and a Key Club Award. There were 5 applications for County Medals and one for 4-H Key Club. Three applications were approved to receive the County Medal awards and the one application for the 4-H Key Club award was approved. Lori will send letters to all the applicants. The Awards Committee made a suggestion for a correction to be made to the guidelines for the awards. The current guidelines state
'It is recommended that the applicant be between the age of 12 and 14 years of age as of January 1, 2011 if you began the program at age 9. Otherwise it is recommended that you be in your 3rd to 5th year in the program.'
- It was suggested we state "Otherwise you must be in your 3rd to 5th year in the program." Also when listing the awards it should state the award received and for which project areas. The Council approved the corrections.
- C. Fair Fun Night: no report.
- D. Spring Achievement: Kim stated she checked out Marysville High School and they are too expensive. It was decided we will stay at Port Huron Middle School for this year. Blue Water Methodist Church was suggested as a place to check out for next year.
- E. Court: Kim said the Court was at the Yale Christmas Parade again this year with the float and they won another award this year. She thanked the Averys, the Aguinagas and Connie Murray for their help and participation at the Parade. Kim also stated the float is still in her Mother's barn and her Mother would like it moved by spring. She asked if after the Beef weigh-in if the float could be stored in the Fair Board Storage Barn. Tim said that they could bring the float the day of the weigh-in and the float should be able to go into the storage area that day.
- F. Leaders' Banquet: Jackie Avery said she checked out a place but they wanted too much money. Raemi asked if she should go ahead and book Fore Lakes for this November. The Council discussed having the banquet on Friday or Saturday. It was determined that everyone liked Friday evening instead of Saturday and the price may be less. Raemi will go ahead and book November 4th for this year's Leader's Banquet.
- G. Participation Fee: no report.
- H. Budget – no report.
- I. Nominating Committee: Raemi stated that since LaDonna is no longer a Council member, Jessie Aguinaga has agreed to be the Chairperson for this Committee.
- X. Old Business. No Old Business to be discussed

XI. New Business

A. Participation Fee Grants

Lori stated she has three applications for participation fee grants.

1. SCC MSU 4-H Program, Vet Quest 4-H Club and Great Lakes Pioneers. They are requesting money for Animal Mania. Building Rental for McMorrans Pavilion, stuffed animal clinic supplies and prizes and supplies to enhance 4-H displays – total cost \$1,500.00.
2. Great Lakes Pioneers. They are requesting money to build agility equipment out of aluminum and other light weight materials for easier transport to various locations and venues – total request for \$200.00
3. 4-H Loan Library. Lori Warchuck is requesting money for Canine Anatomical Model set, Rumen Model, Canine Skin Model, Feline Jaw Model, Basic Sanitary CPR Dog and Canine CPR DVD – total cost \$1,164.25 plus shipping.

Discussion ensued regarding the various requests. Chris Ruemenapp stated we have \$4,695 in this year's budget and still have money left over from last year and could cover the cost of these requests. Lori stated she will have one of the Teen Leaders bring the CPR dog and give the Council a demonstration. Rob Usakowski moved we approve all three requests; Jeff Schelske seconded, motion carried.

XII. Announcements/Adjournment –

1. Dale Avery stated that Greg McConnell is very sick and asked if the Council would send him a card. He comes to the auction every year and is very supportive of 4-H. Donna will send him a card.
2. Lori said we received a request from the State Awards for sponsorship of an award. It was agreed by the Council to send \$250 for sponsorship of a state award under "greatest need."
3. Lori stated she is looking for one Administrative Leader to try the new system for enrolling members. She said that budgets aren't getting any better and it may be necessary in the future to consolidate counties. The new system should make it easier for clubs to enroll their members themselves and not go through the Extension Office. Chris Ruemenapp offered to be the Administrative Leader to try the new system.
4. Lori explained she received the check back from the Parks and Rec. for the deposit on the grounds. This will be turned over to Cindy so she can add the \$100 back into the account.
5. Crystal Sovey asked if there will be a Bill of Sale for the auction. Raemi said there will be a general Bill of Sale listing some of the usual items we have for

the auction plus whatever items are called into her before the Bill of Sale is printed. Lori will make a "Save the Date" flyer to be sent out. Lori is also posting photos on-line of some of the auction items.

6. Kim Newberry asked if people would please send a 40th birthday card to Steve Thueme who is the father of Amy Thueme, the 4-H member that had the very difficult surgery. The birthday card and get well cards could be sent to Steve and Amy at 625 Palms Road, Columbus, MI 48063.

Tim Warchuck moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm, Steve Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.

**The next meeting will be on the Monday, March 21, 2011 at
Community Building in Goodells Park at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Raemilee Kunath
Council President

Donna Sill
Secretary