

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL
Monday, November 16, 2009 – Pot Luck Dinner Meeting
MSU Extension Office Auditorium

Present: Jessie Aguinaga, Jackie Avery, Denise Czostkowski, Jenny Fox, Peggy Gregg, Raemi Kunath (presiding), Al Leone, Cindy Leone, Connie Murray, Linda Pakulski, Jenn Putney, Chris Ruemenapp, Ashley Sebastian, LaDonna Shier, Donna Sill, Linda Thueme, JoLee VanTroostenberghe and Tim Warchuck.

Excused: Steve Aguinaga, Dale Avery, Betty Stephens, Lori Warchuck and Tom Whitenight

Absent: Kim Newberry and Rob Usakowski

- I. Call to Order – Raemi Kunath called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – Cindy Leone moved the agenda be accepted, Linda Pakulski seconded, motion carried.
- III. Secretary's Report/Correspondence – The minutes were distributed from the September 21, 2009 meeting. Chris Ruemenapp moved the minutes be approved, Jenny Fox seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Denise distributed the Treasurer's Reports. The beginning balance on August 31, 2009 was \$14,776.90. Income for September & October was \$216.37 from bank interests, a returned check, reimbursement from MSUE and deposit from the Farm Tour Concession. Expenditures were \$666.65 for MSUE newsletter printing, enrollment forms, county medals, scholarships, a donation to SCC Child Abuse/Neglect Council, Achatz Soup Co. for the Farm Tour Concession and J. Ilowski for concession food. Ending balance on October 31, 2009 was \$14,215.52, plus \$2,449.76 in CD. Chris Ruemenapp moved the Treasurer's Reports be approved, Donna Sill seconded, motion carried. Denise stated she has a list of outstanding checks from clubs and individuals that have not been cashed. Denise will be meeting with Lori for a number of items that need to be straightened out before the next budget can be determined. Due to the Gilda's departure some paperwork, such as bills and wish list items are missing and Denise and Lori will work together to solve this problem. They will also contact Rustic Ramblers and Great Expectations regarding their checks that have not been cashed. This should be completed by the January meeting.
- V. Staff Report – Lori Warchuck is home sick with the H1N1 flu and will make her report at the next meeting.
- VII. Fair Board Report – No report.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Auction: A sign up sheet was passed around for the Auction Concession stand. Lori will book the Community Building if it has not already been done.
- B. Awards: The Friend of 4-H Award was given at the annual Leaders' Banquet on November 7, 2009. The winners were Mary Taylor, Sue Thielman and Tim and Lori Warchuck. Due to the absence of Tim & Lori Warchuck and Mary Taylor at the banquet, Raemi gave the plaques to Tim Warchuck for him & Lori and so Lori to give Mary Taylor her plaque through the Extension Office.
- C. Fair Fun Night: No report
- D. Spring Achievement: No report
- E. Court: The Court will be doing the float for the Christmas Parade in Yale on December 5th
- F. Leaders' Banquet: Raemi Kunath stated that the evening was very nice and everyone liked the family style serving instead of individually served plates. The raffle went well and everyone stayed until the end. It was suggested that a large board be provided for the Reverse Raffle with the numbers posted and when the numbers are called someone can mark them off so everyone in the audience can see what numbers had been called. Also the numbers need to be read slower. Ashley Sebastian would like any pictures people have from 4-H functions of leaders and members so she can work on the slide presentation for next year. Raemi thanked all the council members for all their help in making this year's banquet a success.
- G. Participation Fee: Denise stated there was \$23.01 left in the account from last year and she deposited \$4590 into the account from the 2008-2009 year.
- H. Budget – no report but there should be a report in January.
- I. Nominating Committee: LaDonna passed around a copy of the application that the committee developed as a guideline for future new Council members. Further discussion was tabled until January when Lori can be present and give her input about the guidelines and what should be required of people interested in becoming Council members. New members to the council are: Jeff Schulske and Jody Veldman. They should have been notified after the Banquet to come to this meeting. It was discussed that there should have been a ballot distributed with those running for Council or the names of the new council should have been announced at the Banquet. It was suggested that the names of the people up for Council should be read and ask "All in

Favor – those opposed.” Raemi Kunath announced that LaDonna did a great job with the Application and guidelines. There is a vacant seat due to the resignation of Sheri McColman. The Bylaws state that a person can be appointed to fill the vacant seat for the length of that person's appointment. Cindy Leone nominated Rebecca Kunath, Jessie Aguinaga seconded, motion carried. Raemi will contact Lori to invite the three new members to attend the January meeting.

VIII. Old Business.

- A. Farm Tour – Chris stated we lost \$375 at the concession stand from the Farm Tour. Last year there were 400 people and this year there were 150. The members also stated that there was very little advertising this year compared to last year. Chris thanked Ashley, Jenny, Jen, Tim, LaDonna, Rob and Tom for all their help. There was a lot of left over food that will be saved for the Auction concession stand. It was determined that we will not do the concession stand next year. Lori will be asked to send out thank you notes to all those that made donations toward the concession stand. Jessie and LaDonna stated they will try to get Pepsi donations for the Auction like they did last year.

IX. New Business

- A. Scholarship Requests: Lori provided the sheet for the Scholarship Requests again.
1. Lori DeCoopman (Leader) requested \$30 for a Horse workshop at the Kett Center.
 2. Beth Schember (Leader) requested \$30 for a Horse workshop at the Kett Center.
 3. Ruth Foglesong (Leader) requested \$33.50 for a Horse workshop at the Kett Center.
 4. Rachel Schieman (Leader) requested \$33.50 for a Horse workshop at the Kett Center.
 5. Kendra Pakulski (Leader) requested \$21.25 for a Rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.
 6. Linda Pakulski (Leader) requested \$21.27 plus \$50 for mileage for a Rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.
 7. Hali Rich-Reid (Member) requested \$10.63 for a rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.
 8. Ashleigh Usakowski (Member) requested \$10.63 for a rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.
 9. Jessica Usakowski (Member) requested \$10.63 for a rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.
 10. Cathie Usakowski (Leader) requested \$21.25 for a rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.

11. Dorrie Zakrzewski (Leader) requested \$21.25 for a rabbit workshop at the Kett Center
12. Wes Bryson (Member) requested \$10.63 for a rabbit workshop at the Kett Center.

Chris Ruemenapp moved we approve all scholarship requests as described on the sheet. We will also pay \$50 for mileage to the Kettennan Center and \$30 to MSU; Linda Theume seconded motion carried. Denise also stated there are old forms being used and these should be eliminated. It was stated that these old forms were sent to the leaders in their re-enrollment packets. Denise will bring this up with Lori when they meet before January.

B. Scholarship Fund for Carl M. Kruckenberg

Chris Ruemenapp and Ashley Sebastian announced that Carl Kruckenberg (16) a member from Rimrock Acres and the Challenge Club passed away on November 10th. His parents, Marvin and Marie Kruckenberg, want to set up a scholarship fund in his name. Donations will come into the Council and the family will help set up guidelines for the use of the scholarship money. Denise will work with the Extension office on handling this. A special account can be opened at the bank that would handle this money.

C. Election of Officers

Linda Theume nominated Chris Ruemenapp as president. Tim Warchuck nominated Raemi Kunath as president. Ashley Sebastian nominated Jenn Putney as Treasurer. Tim Warchuck nominated Denise Czostkowski as Treasurer – Denise declined the nomination stating she didn't want the job of Treasurer any longer. Donna Sill nominated Cindy Leone as Treasurer. Tim Warchuck nominated Donna Sill as Secretary. Tim Warchuck nominated Al Leone as Vice President. A written ballot was taken and the following will be the officers for 2010: Raemi Kunath as President, Al Leone as Vice President, Donna Sill as Secretary and Cindy Leone as Treasurer. Cindy will work with Denise and Lori to straighten out the financial matters before January.

XI. Announcements/Adjournment –

Linda Theume moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm, Chris Ruemenapp seconded, motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Community Building at Goodell's Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Raemi Kunath
Council President

Donna Sill
Secretary