

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

April 15, 2024

Attendance: Mary Darling, Janice Zerbe, Denise Noble, Alex deFinta, Carisa Hostetler, Amy Mortimore, Kelsey Driscoll, Emmeline Towne, Makayla King, Latisha Tomsa, Nancy Wheatley, Wendy Fisher

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:02 pm with all officers present and eight clubs represented.

Secretary Report: Amy Mortimore moved to accept the secretary report with corrections (regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm; Exploration Days – we may need a male chaperone) with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with income of \$140.00, disbursements of \$300.00, and a total in the checking account of \$23309.23 which includes outstanding checks of \$300.00 and outstanding deposits of \$140.00. Sub accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$0.00), Teen Club (\$940.02), Efting Memorial (\$575.00), Domestic Animal (\$567.39), and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds). Report will be placed on file for audit.

Bills / Correspondence: None

Club Sharing: *Silver Spurs* – Will participate in a bake sale at the Kalamazoo Tack Sale. They had an 8-year-old member lead a craft at their meeting and had rabbit training. *South Haven Jaydees* – participated in TSC Clover Days with a bake sale. *Van Buren Voyagers* – started shooting sports, had a speaker about aquariums with a door prize of an aquarium kit and will be sending two leaders to shooting sports training. *Young Explorers* – Project leaders are reaching out to members.

Committee Reports: *Auction* – The committee met tonight. Tod Kubiszak has secured the Lawrence Town Hall for Friday and Saturday. They are discussing increasing requested donations from clubs and holding a live auction. They want to encourage clubs to sell tickets for the breakfast and asking clubs to request donations from businesses. Lots of discussion and more to be had in June. *Tractor, Trunk, or Treat* – No updates. *Silver Spurs* is planning to lead some games.

Outstanding 4-Her Report – Makayla King reminded everyone of a rabbit show at the Kalamazoo Kennel Club on April 20th.

4-H Educator Report: *Exploration Days* – Registration is open. Currently nine females and two males have registered from Van Buren County. *Michigan 4-H State Awards / Mark of Excellence* – There were no entries for Mark of Excellence and two members have applied for state awards. *YQCA* – There are very few openings left for the May class. Six- and seven-year-old exhibitors must attend in person. If you have a 6-year-old that needs to take the class, please contact Janice. Some discussion. *May I fair deadline* – Forms are to be sent to the fair or emailed to forms.VBYF@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on May 1st. *Horse Essays – May 1st* – Essays can be emailed to Janice before 5 p.m. and videos are due June 1. *Club Booths* – Janice is collecting the information from 4-H clubs regarding space requests.

Unfinished Business: *Award 2024* – Three Leaders Association scholarship applications have been received. Two county medal applications have been received so far; however, the deadline is June 1st. *Fundraising Outcomes and Expectations* – Please continue to provide ideas of how we can include communities. *Enrollment Incentives* -- We are waiting for a receipt from Tina Loomis.

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New Business: *Goat Tag Verification* – May 2nd from 5-7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Expansion Review: No update.

Fair Board Update: YQCA certificates must be turned into Janice by June 15. Fair registrations are due by June 15. Fair books can be ordered, the deadline is May 1st. Fair superintendents / assistant superintendents and 4-H key leaders will receive a fair book at no cost. 5-year-old exhibitors will receive a free week-long fair pass. Fair book is being updated online. Departments are currently updated.

Announcements: *Next meeting* – May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: Amy Mortimore moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Darling
LA Secretary