

# VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

## October 21, 2024

**Attendance:** Mary Darling, Janice Zerbe, Denise Noble, Carisa Hostetler, Nancy Wheatley, Wendy Fisher, Alex deFinta, Latisha Tomsa, Amy Mortimore, Emmeline Towne, Cari Copi

The regular meeting of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by President, Alex deFinta at 7:17 pm with all officers present, and eight clubs represented.

**Secretary Report:** Nancy Wheatley moved to accept the secretary report as presented with a second from Amy Mortimore. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented with no income, disbursements of \$2023.12, and a total in the checking account of \$16543.37 which includes outstanding checks of \$1992.00 and no outstanding deposits. Sub accounts included Differently Abled (\$656.51), Capital Experience (\$0.00), Teen Club (\$940.02), Efting Memorial (\$575.00), Domestic Animal (\$492.39), and Bea Funk Memorial Fund (\$500 in savings bonds). Report will be placed on file for audit.

**Bills / Correspondence:** Bills were received for candy (\$250.00), Club visits (\$68.72), and tax for 2024 LA Auction to MSU (\$276.99). A donation was received from Getman Corporation for candy (\$250.00).

**Club Sharing:** *Silver Spurs* – had low attendance at their meeting and will have new officers. *Young Explorers* – participated in Tractor, Truck or Treat with animals. *Dream Chasers* – Janice Zerbe attended their meeting to present awards. *Porter Busy Fingers* – Janice Zerbe attended their meeting to present awards. They have two new families. *West Valley Livestock* – Janice Zerbe attended their meeting to present awards. They made pumpkin jars. *Almena Happy Helpers* – Janice Zerbe attended their meeting to present awards. *Van Buren Voyagers* – Janice Zerbe attended their meeting to present awards. They made first aid kits and will be shooting pants at their next meeting.

**Committee Reports:** *Auction* – will hold a meeting on November 6 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The committee is currently looking for a new location for breakfast and the silent auction. *Tractor, Truck or Treat* – The weather was nice. 200 fliers, pencils, stickers, etc. were passed out. There were approximately 1200 people in attendance. There were also 27 vendors, 6 4-H clubs, lots of differently abled and low-income families. Lots of ideas for 2025 were discussed including the time may be reduced to 1-3 p.m. More trash cans are needed. Thank you letters have been sent. Lots of discussion. Mary Darling moved to hold this event on October 4, 2025 with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Motion carried.

**Outstanding 4-Her Report** – There is not an outstanding 4-H member for this year.

**4-H Educator Report:** *4-H Enrollments* – We were reminded to encourage members to enroll by November 1 to be entered in the incentive drawing. *TSC Paper Clover – November 29 – December 15* – Clubs are encouraged to hold events at TSC during this time. *Club Registration & Civil Rights Statement* – Clubs that still need to turn in these documents have been notified. *Storage Booth Update* – Unit #2 and #12 have been emptied and are currently available for use. *Club meeting attendance* – Janice has attended several club meetings to present awards and share information. *Club Annual Reports* – If clubs have \$2500.00 or over in their accounts when the final year end reports are due, they must submit all Treasurer and all Secretary minutes. *Conference* – When Janice attended the most recent conference there was discussion regarding bringing programs back.

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**Unfinished Business:** *Fundraising Outcomes and Expectations* – Continue to provide ideas of how we can include communities. *Fair Entries* – Janice put together percentages and there was lots of discussion. *Fair Passes* -- The fair board is currently reviewing the fair passes suggestions.

**New Business:** *Food Service Permits* – There are lots of rules from the use of a food service permit. The cost of the permit is very high. Lots of discussion. Bake Sales / Cottage Food Sales do not need a permit. There will be additional information when available.

**Expansion Review:** There will be press coverage for Tractor, Truck or Treat. Janice Zerbe is working on the MSU Facebook page to include more information / links.

**Fair Board Update:** Annual meeting will be held on October 24, 2024. Fair week will be July 14-19, 2025.

**Announcements:** *Next meeting* – November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center. January and February meetings will be held via Zoom. March and April meetings will be held at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center. May, June, August, September meetings will be held at the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds.

**Adjournment:** Amy Mortimore moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Nancy Wheatley. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Darling  
LA Secretary