

**Clark County Leaders Federation Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 23, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.**  
**ADS Greenwood**

**Board Members Present:** Jennie Whitmire, Amy Gerhardt, Teri Raatz, Michael Rusin, Joan Buchholz, Courtney Schoessow, John Brost, Nicolas Stiemann, Ella Raatz, Jarrett Rueth, and Susan Stiemann

**Board Members Absent:** Jacob Kopp, Breanna Rowe, and Max Jacques

**Visitors:** Nikki Rueth

Jennie Whitmire called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were recited.

**Secretary's Report:**

- The minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Amy Gerhardt moved to approve. Seconded by John Brost and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Joan Buchholz presented the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of 8/22/21 was 61,741.43 for the Leaders Federation and \$13,138.31 for the self-supporting project areas (shooting sports, dog, horse, older youth group, and rabbits). Teri Raatz moved to accept the report. Seconded by Courtney Schoessow and carried. Discussion held regarding reimbursement process for state fair participants. Participants need to complete application for reimbursement after event and submit to the Leaders Federation Board. Amounts will be dispersed according to the State Fair Reimbursement Guide. Application to be posted on the website.

**Old Business:**

- The 2021-22 budget was reviewed. Teri Raatz moved to approve. Motion seconded by John Brost and carried.
- We are still in need of adults and youth willing to serve on the Leaders Federation Board. John Brost will remain on the board. Nikki Rueth expressed interest, as well as Jarrett Rueth, Ella Raatz, and Nicolas Stiemann. We need four more adults and three youth.

**New Business:**

- Michael Rusin presented a list of fair improvement suggestions that he received during the fair. He will be sharing with the fair board at their September meeting.
- Joan Buchholz has announced that she will be retiring from the treasurer's position. Amy Gerhardt advised putting a notification in the newsletter that we are seeking someone interested in filling this position.
- Many families have expressed a desire to receive the newsletter by mail rather than e-mail. Leaders encouraged to let their families know that they can choose the option of how they will receive the newsletter when re-enrolling in 4-H online.
- Teri Raatz moved to purchase 25 4-H promotional yard signs from JBC. John Brost seconded. Motion carried.
- Key Award interviews need to be completed by Sept. 15. Michael Rusin will follow up with applicants and board members in setting a date and location.
- The Green Thumb Challenge fair planter results were announced. Reseburg Ramblers took first, Woodgrove Workers second, and Happy Valley third. The promotion flier for this project stated that monetary prizes would be awarded. This has not been done in the past. Teri Raatz moved to pay award monies as announced in the newsletter this year, with the plan to review next spring. Nicolas Stiemann seconded the motion, and it carried.
- Plans for a Fall Family Fun Event were discussed. Michael suggested a get together at a corn maze that would involve 4-H information at the different stations in the maze that participants would need to collect in an effort to help families learn more about the opportunities in the 4-H program. Michael will look into possible locations and dates for this event.
- Four State Fair Dairy reimbursement applicants were approved.
- The Awards Banquet Date was set for November 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Michael will try to arrange for a location. It will be a potluck event.

Nicolas Stiemann moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jennie Whitmire. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Details for next meeting pending.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Stiemann, Secretary