

**Leader's Federation
February 12, 2024
7PM– Loyal City Hall**

Attendance: Lori Hendrickson, Alan Buchholz, Nikki Rueth, Sheri Jacque, Jillian Rueth, Ella Raatz, Jarrett Rueth, Raiden Jacque

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved as read. Motion by Lori; seconded by Nikki.

Treasurer's Report: Report was approved. Motion by Raiden; seconded by Jarrett.

OLD BUSINESS:

Year at a Glance and Goals: The current Year at a Glance was reviewed and changes were discussed. Seth was asked to have the updates made and included a "revision date" so it would be documented when the changes were updated.

By Laws: Sheri reported that a meeting was held with Amy Gerhardt and John about 2 weeks ago. Sheri will be typing up the By Laws with the purposed changes and get them out to Board members for review by March.

Winter Fun Day: Lori informed Board that the 2024 tubing was canceled due to lack of snow. It has been tentatively rescheduled for January 11, 2025 at Bruce Mound. This year's payment will be forwarded to next year's date.

4-H Experience Scholarships/Leaders Federation Scholarships: Ashley and Nikki are on the committee and will review applications. Discussion was held on how much to pay toward this trip. Sheri made a motion to pay the 1/3 of the total cost for Citizens Washington Focus (CWF) trip. Ella seconded the motion. The Board then discussed how much to pay for the American Spirit East trip. Sheri made a motion to pay the 1/3 of the total cost; Ella seconded the motion. Due to concerns about youth not fulfilling the requirements to receive the scholarship, Board members agreed to reimburse youth. Families AFTER the fair will ensure they meet all requirements including but not limited to working a shift in the foodstand. This will go into effect beginning 2025. At that time, youth families will be responsible for paying for the entire amount of the trip– then reimbursed after the fair. Raiden made a motion to approve this proposal; Jarrett seconded the motion. The Board also agreed that scholarship application need to be more aligned with applications for the trips due to payment due dates required by the state.

Volleyball: Volunteers are still needed. This will be Brittney Lowry's last year organizing it. If there are no volunteers, future tournaments may need to be cancelled.

Nominations for WI Hall of Fame: Seth stated the deadline is May for nominations.

Summer Family Fun Day: A kickball tournament will be held in Greenwood. Rachel and John will lead this event. Volunteers will be needed.

Other Old Business:

Audit: Lori reported that the audit went well. Jillian made a motion to give Leah a \$50 Chamber (Neillsville) gift card as Leah did the audit at no cost to the federation. Raiden seconded the motion.

Discovery Day: Lori was only given one reimbursement request to date. She will be paying the \$125.10 to Stina Jansen as requested after she receives the completed reimbursement form.

Fair Book: Lori noted that the fair book is going to print by the end of the week and will tentatively be available March/April.

Plat Book: Lori stated that Hene Supply in Withee has sold 6 cases of plat books.

Board Information Update: Sheri asked about updating the Board listing to include the term (1st or 2nd) and the year (1st or 2nd) along with the year the member will be going off the Board. Ex: Sheri 1-1, 11-25. Seth will update the information. Seth also stated that the next newsletter will have the Board information printed in it (along with Fair Board information) and can be used as a tear off sheet for 4H families to keep.

NEW BUSINESS:

Handbook: Seth reported that he is putting together a "telephone" type document listing Leaders, Project Leaders, etc. that will be available to all 4H families in the near future.

Camp Counselor Retreat: Jarrett, Jillian, and Ella gave a report about their experience attending the training at Beaver Creek in Fall Creek this past weekend. The theme this year will be "CIA– Camp Intelligence Agency". They also spoke about what they learned at the training. Nikki asked about trip attendees doing fund raising to help cover trip costs. Ideas included Kwik Trip car wash cards and Main Street pie sales.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Loyal City Hall. Jillian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jarrett seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by:
Sheri Jacque