

Johnson County 4-H Youth Development Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2009

7:00 PM Johnson County Extension Office

Present: *Staff:* Dianna Colgan, *Fair Board:* none; *Extension Council:* Larry Bonde, John Schneider; *Youth Committee:* Elaine Boeding, Jeff Englert, Kathy Forbes, Kara Logsdon, Bonnie Penno, Walter Sparks; *Youth Council:* none.

Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

June minutes were reviewed, revised, and approved (Sparks, Penno, Unan). The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved (Sparks, Penno, Unan).

4-H Hall of Fame: Bill Englert personally came to the meeting to extend his appreciation for the honor of induction into the 4-H Hall of Fame. The ceremony at the State Fair was wonderful.

Treasurer's Report: Balance ending 9.2.09 is 10,594.92. There was discussion of Pizza and Pop stand. Overall it went very well with minor suggestions for improvements next year.

Extension Council Report: Schneider reported that the City and County's Planning and Zoning Commissions are in the process of approving plans for the new Extension building. A FEMA grant will be completed by November 1. The new 12,000 square foot building will provide facilities for Extension Services as well as a safe place for tornadoes. The goal is to be in the building in 2011. Extension will own the building. Extension Services and the Fair Board are working cooperatively on this venture. Funds used from the sale of the land to the Extension Services will be utilized to make grounds improvements including kitchen and restroom renovations in Montgomery Hall as well as a new roof.

Youth Council Report: The group met on August 30 for a leadership and team-building exercise. Meetings are moved to the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is September 14 at Coral Ridge Mall.

Old Business:

4-H Breakfast: Net income is \$10,560. A third pancake cooker is needed and members were asked to keep an eye out for one.

County Fair Wrap-up: Good discussion. Many of the issues mentioned had already been discussed at the Fair Board and Extension Council meetings.

Youth Council Recycling Effort: Total income was \$76.85. The Youth Committee voted to match this to give the Youth Council funds for their programming. (Boeding, Englert, Unan)

Pop Tab Challenge: 282 pounds of pop tabs were collected. This generated a \$212 donation to the Ronald McDonald House. East Lucas Clovers won with 122 pounds collected.

Gazette Marketing Section: Distributed on a Wednesday in the Advertiser and a Sunday in The Gazette. This was very successful this year. All were reminded to send pictures to Megan throughout the year.

4-H on Wheels: 318 youth were served this summer. Unfortunately 17 youth could not be placed because there was not enough staff. The group wondered if staff could be augmented with volunteers so more could be served. Colgan said she would check.

State 4-H Awards: Two Johnson County youth will attend National Congress and two received state awards.

SESS Washington County Workshop: September 19, 9 AM-3 PM in Washington County. All youth enrolled in shooting project received flyers in the mail.

New Business:

Region 15 Staff Changes: The new region includes Johnson, Iowa, Washington and Keokuk Counties. Gene Mohling is the Regional Extension Education Director and his home office is in Iowa City. Ray Reynolds is the Regional 4-H Specialist. His home office will be in Keokuk County. He will lead the Leaders Meeting next week. The seven most populated counties in Iowa also have an Urban 4-H Specialist. Janet Martin is assigned to Johnson County full-time as our Urban 4-H Specialist, working with non-traditional 4-H clubs, after school programs, urban 4-H, lego league, engineering, and other urban 4-H programs.

4-H Program Development Fee: The fee rose from \$20 to \$30. The 4-H Breakfast did not cover all fees so the Extension Council contributed funds to assure 4-H remains a free program for youth. The Youth Committee extends its appreciation to the Extension Council for their support to make the 4-H program free for Johnson County youth!

Fall Leader Meeting: 30 people attended and all but 4 clubs were represented. As mentioned, there is another meeting next week.

Montgomery Hall Equipment and Fair Display Committee: Logsden discussed some ideas for updating the furniture, displays and equipment in Montgomery Hall. The vision is that a plan would be created that would give clubs, individuals and businesses an opportunity to purchase needed items. For example, prices would be itemized for a table or a stack of chairs. A committee was established to work in this more. Logsden, Englert, Boeding and Sparks volunteered.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM to review record books.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 PM (Sparks, Englert, Unan)

Respectfully submitted: Kara Logsden

Approved 11/15/2009