4-H and Youth Committee Minutes

The 4-H and Youth Committee met on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Extension Office.

Colleen Peckham called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members present were: Geri Tlusty, Gary Sovereign, Marge Dohlman, Emi Frohn, Rachel Bowser, Colleen Peckham, Abby Kennon, Joni Irvin, Loretta Merritt, Nick Jensen, and Steve Mahr. Also present was Erica Holliday, CYC. Absent: Jeff Krath and Cindi Grover.

Marge Dohlman moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, March 19th, and second by Geri Tlusty. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Erica shared that the 4-H Alumni met in February and awarded one $500, one $300, and one $200 scholarships. They will be hosting horse and sheep/meat goat celebrity showmanship at the 2015 Mighty Howard County Fair and working in the Cattlemen's stand. They will have 4 silent auction baskets: 1) Iowa State, 2) Iowa Hawkeyes, 3) Quilt, and 4) Processed Hog.
- Erica informed the group that the trip to Washington DC went well, for having a few hiccups along the way – broken down bus. Howard County had 2 youth, Kayla Hruska and Hallie Frohn, and one chaperone, Shelly Girolamo. Erica shared the postcards received from participants.
- Clover Kid monthly meetings are complete and they have received a letter about what they can do at fair. They can participate in showcase and pet show. Again this year, the graduation for 3rd grade Clover Kids.
- Erica updated the committee on what the county council had been working on. They decided at their last meeting to paint the animal cutouts displayed in the club booths on Monday, June 1. Also, Erica shared the group had a discussion on responsibility, specifically helping out at county wide events.
- Currently there are 211 youth and 28 adults enrolled. This youth number is higher than last year by 13 youth. The adult number is a decrease of 3 adults from last year. This is also basically the year end for numbers.
- Erica shared 11 leaders attended the mandatory training on April 7th. Reminder that there are still leaders who need to complete the online makeup by July 1.
- Erica reported that the donor letter donations received to date is $2275 from 32 donors.
- Colleen shared that 11 youth and 6 counselors will be participating in the three regional 4-H camps at PineBluff in Decorah. Also, Erica shared that a total of 15 youth applied for counselor positions out of a total of 38 youth throughout the region.
- Livestock IDs was on 4honline again this year. Erica shared that the deadline was May 15th and that Sue shared she got many more questions this year on the process. There was a few who wanted to enter static exhibits online. In addition, many families wanted verification that their IDs were there. An issue was present with FFA members, who are also 4-H members, were entering their FFA animals online. In terms of FFA, we had forms turned in that were to be FFA animals, but members identified their club as 4-H.
- Erica shared she has made club visits to Heritage Homesteaders and Timberland Targeting. She thought the meetings were running smoothly.
- Erica shared she has been in contact with Keith Klimesh to get information for the Hall of Fame nomination.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Colleen shared there were 9 interviews scheduled and 1 no show. The interviews went well and fantastic. Joni shared the youth have a variety of skills and their hearts are in 4-H. Colleen shared that in a past year

an individual did not show up so they allowed the individual to reschedule and do an interview with the CYC. Geri Tlusty made the motion to approve the 8 interviewees and approve the rescheduled interviewee (as long as they provide a good interview) to be members 2015-2016 Howard County Council. Emi Frohn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Erica shared Allison Martinek is the currently the only one signed up for conference. Also, Cassy Kennon will not be attending due to Driver's Ed class. Katie Huhe was selected for Animal Round-up in Dairy. Committee members shared concern on how the Animal Science Round-up individuals were selected. Erica will investigate on the selection process, so we can better prepare our 4-Her's.
- Colleen shared that there are 2 vacant spots on the committee to be filled. Discussion was held on suggestions of individuals to fill the positions were Janelle Straw was still unsure and Nick Jensen is going to talk to Katie Ferrie. Erica suggested Mary Steen, who was a past CYC for Howard County. Erica will talk to her.
- Colleen shared FSQA will be Tuesday, May 26 from 5-7:30 pm at the Featherlite Center. Erica will be teaching the class.
- Erica shared the Summer Day Camps being offered.
- Erica shared she will be doing a program, "Healthy Tidbits", at the Lime Springs Library on June 10th. It will cover healthy eating habits and make a healthy snack.
- Erica shared the 4-H Building work schedule. There are still a few empty slots and are looking for individuals to fill these spots. Specifically looking for adults to work with County Council members. Erica introduced the idea of changing the work schedule and requiring clubs to work a specific number of shifts based on number of club members. This would allow for time to be shared equally, 20 minutes per youth. Discussion was held on why the Food and Fitness clubs did not work the 4-H building. It would allow the members the opportunity to communicate with the community on their involvement.
- Erica shared the Horse Team would like to have a silent auction basket to raise money for their trip to Denver to compete at the national level. Tess Kennon was wondering if they could display that with the other silent auction baskets. Discussion was held on how it would take money away from the silent auction, which is raising money for enrollment fees. The group decided they could have a silent auction basket but have it in their own display or place it in the Horse Barn.
- Erica shared the release of the cancellation of all live bird exhibitions in the state of Iowa. She wanted to know if their ideas for alternatives for the show. Members presented ideas of: virtual show with members displaying photos on the cages in the barn, creating posters, Skill-a-thon, or creating videos. The committee felt they should be allowed to participate in the Ribbon Auction.

Nick Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Seconded by Steve Mahr. Motion carried.
Next meeting will be held on July 16, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Erica Holliday, CYC