

Lincoln County 4H Leaders' Council
10/08/09 Minutes
Web Version* (To be approved or amended at next meeting)

Present: Aubrey H., Joyce B., Terry C., Lydia W., Bridget Rohner, Colleen H., Jill Schwartz, Joy W.

Colleen H. called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

Joyce B. read Aug. 30th meeting minutes. **Motion to approve minutes made by Jill Schwartz, seconded by Terry C.. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report read by Terry C. **Motion to accept report made by Joy W., seconded by Jill Schwartz. Motion carried.**

Old Business: Colleen reported that a \$250.00 grant was awarded for the Market Species Clinic held in Davenport, in which 42 4H members attended. Leaders Council paid the remainder of expenses, which amounted to \$14.05. A motion was not necessary for this transaction, as it had already been moved at the June mtng. to pay additional expenses.

New Business:

Terry C. presented the 2010 draft budget. Discussion was held regarding minor changes. **Colleen then moved that the 2010 draft budget be accepted with changes that had been discussed, Jill seconded, motion carried.** Later in the evening, discussion was held regarding sending out a newsletter from Leaders' Council, with the intent of better communicating information to the county 4H clubs and families. Joy Wilken volunteered to write the newsletters, and Joyce said she'd help by doing the mailings. **Joy W. moved that \$2,176.66 be moved from Held Funds to General Budget, Jill seconded, motion carried.** Further discussion was held regarding changes to 2010 draft budget based on the move of Held Funds, so that moneys would be available for a newsletter. **Jill moved that said changes be made to the 2010 draft budget, Lydia seconded, motion carried.**

Aubrey Houger has applied for National Congress, and asked for \$50 from Leaders' Council to help with expenses. **Joy Wilken moved that \$100 be given to Aubrey H. for National Congress expenses, Jill seconded, motion carried.**

Joy Wilken asked for reimbursement for postage expenses in the amt. of \$48.60. for Leaders' Council Silent Auction held at the Fair, and that she be reimbursed for the corsage she will purchase for Faye K., Lincoln County 4H Leader of the Year, from Leaders' Council. **Lydia moved that Joy be reimbursed for postage and whatever the cost will be of the corsage, Jill seconded, motion carried.**

Presentations/discussions/rollovers:

Bridget gave an update on Leaders' Council, explaining that Terry and Joyce have agreed to remain in their current positions unless someone else is nominated for their position. (Although

at the Aug. meeting Sherry E., had agreed to continue as Vice President, she was not at this meeting to say if she would be able to continue in this or not.) Bridget then explained that council does not have to have a chairman, and can continue functioning with an executive board of secretary and treasurer, as long as needed. Hopefully others will learn more about Leaders' Council and choose to get involved, and all executive offices can eventually be filled. Bridget then reported that subcommittee officers are as follows:

KYG- Julie M.

Horse- Robin N.

Camp- Nicole C.

Scholarship- Bridget will ask Art S. if he plans to continue as chairman of this committee

Jill inquired about the Travel Exchange program, wondering if that subcommittee is still active, explaining what it has done in the past. It was agreed that we need to let that leader know there might be some interest in this, but that if not and the program doesn't remain active, Leaders' Council should pursue according to bylaws. Bridget will check into this.

Leaders' Council Self Study-Joyce reported that in Sept., 3 leaders had met with Bridget and Gary Varella, Spokane County Extension Agent, to discuss ways to strengthen Leaders' Council through communication to the county 4H leaders and families. A survey is being drafted to determine what people currently know about Leaders' Council, and how the council can better support county 4H. It has been discussed and agreed that Lincoln County 4H needs a Leaders' Council for many reasons, a few of which are:

Financial support to subcommittees, nomination and financial support for Leader of the Year to State Forum, State 4H recommended changes, and general support to the county 4H clubs, members, and families. Bridget then facilitated a brainstorm of questions that could/should be included in a survey, and she and Gary will now begin drafting this survey. Joyce stated that although only 3 leaders had met for this beginning work session, ANYONE is encouraged to attend work sessions, or let us know your ideas and suggestions.

Joyce discussed future meeting dates, and proposed that Council meet during odd #ed months rather than even. This would eliminate Dec. and Aug. meetings. She also proposed that instead of holding a meeting at Fair, when everyone is so busy, we instead hold an Open House Sunday morning in the 4H building, with refreshments and the reading of Top Stories. This would hopefully seem like more of a friendly, casual encounter between the council and the public, and would seem more celebratory of those Top Story winners. The group agreed to try these recommendations in the coming year, and have **tentatively** set the following **meeting dates:** (time and location TBD)

Nov. 5, 2009

Jan. 7, 2010

Mar. 4, 2010

May 13, 2010

July 15, 2010

Sept. 9, 2010

Bridget discussed the CTR position- County Teen Representative, and passed out applications for this.

Joy reported on the 2009 Lincoln County 4H Silent Auction, showing a breakdown of all items auctioned, and that Leaders Council had earned \$1,029.00 from this event.

Aubrey shared about Teen Rally held in Chewelah. She reported that 5 teens from Lincoln County had attended.

Jill is encouraging people to run for State Fair Board positions for our district. Currently 2 positions are open for our district. Anyone interested or knowing someone who might be can contact Jill Schwartz.

Joy W. thanked the Leaders' Council for \$\$ used to purchase embroidery machines. Teen Time recently held very successful workshops in Edwall, Sprague, and Davenport using the machines.

Joyce adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce B.