

Dodge County 4-H Leaders Association Inc.

Leaders Association Apr 27, 2004

The April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004, meeting of the Dodge County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order at 7:35pm by President Deb Merfeld. The group recited the American Flag Pledge and roll call was taken. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as amended.

Helen Weisensel gave the treasurer's report: the balance on hand in the checking account and in the Money Market. Karen Schmidt reported on the Endowment Fund. On 3/26/04, we invested the monies in Class A Bonds and growth and income mutual funds. Bonds pay monthly, quarterly, and semi-annually and rates range from 5.25% to 5.7%. The Endowment committee has decided to meet quarterly with the rep from Edward Jones. The checking account balance is \$384.38.

President Deb Merfeld announced that she has appointed Allan Roll to be Parliamentarian.

Special Business:

Dan Short spoke about the Youth Building addition and answered questions. A variance is needed to proceed with the project.

Lezli Young described the annual Dress an Animal contest and announced that this year each organization may enter more than one animal.

Sally Schoenike explained the fair packets that are due at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Helen explained the planter contest; contest rules are included in each club's fair packet.

Agent Reports:

Sally Schoenike reported that the next newsletter would contain a leader survey on volunteer time, that another youth protection would be offered, that a weakness reported in the Civil Rights Audit was that all clubs need to complete and return all required forms, that the constitution distributed with the leader logue was incorrect and a new "1999" version was distributed, and that clubs wishing to publish their summer events should give them to her for publishing in the newsletter.

Bonnie Borden reported that the Livestock Quiz Bowl will be held at the Area Animal Science Day and that interested members should call Bonnie to sign up. She noted that Badger Dairy camp is full. A bus to the State Fair for Livestock Judging will be arranged by the Meat Animal Sale Committee. She reminded leaders that MAQA's must be completed and PQA adult classes will be offered.

Deb Wiebelhaus reported that May 18, June 15, & July 20 County Board meetings are still open for clubs to attend. Activities that have not been completed in this project were printed on the back of the agenda. The summer trip is planned to the Amish community and to Canvasback. She reminded leaders to save Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps. Chuck Crave, Fred & Julie Guenterberg reported on the State Volunteer Conference.

Unfinished Business:

Diane Neff reported that the Old Time Gathering committee is looking for clubs to lead games. They will hold a scarecrow contest and a painted pumpkin contest. A barn dance will be held in conjunction with the event. The Lebanon Luckies were asked to provide their popcorn popper. Questions can be directed to Lori Sherman 887-0257. Jane Schmidt read a note from Lisa Condon of the WWA about the ice cream stand.

Leipsic 4-H will host the Music Festival/ Volleyball event on Nov. 14.

The 4-H Family Picnic will be held on July 23. Those who can help should call Carolyn Dehler.

Fundraiser activities and openings were read from the back of the agenda.

Fred Guenterberg moved to approve the changes to the bylaws as printed in the last newsletter. Lisa Gentz gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fred Guenterberg spoke in favor of the motion. Many others spoke in opposition to the motion. Sherry Helmer called the question; Allan Roll gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated. Nancy Thompson moved to destroy the ballots; Charlie Lindegarde gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The General Leader Sharing meetings were cancelled due to low enrollments.

Fred Guenterberg questioned why we still print & distribute the annual calendar when many don't use it. Three leaders spoke to agree that their clubs also not use it. Deb Merfeld was asked to present this issue to the Executive Board for a decision.

New Business:

Allan Roll moved to have (as the constitution & bylaws says) the Executive Board appoint a committee to update and revise our Leader's Association constitution and bylaws and present it to the Leader's Association after the Executive Board approves it. Laurie Hron gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Iris Steffen called the question; Janet Posthuma gave a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed.

There will be a fish pond at the Youth Building, open from 11-7 and 4 shifts of 2 people, per day, will be needed. Janet Zander would like each club to donate a \$5-\$10 prize.

No activity has been planned for Saturday evening at the Fair. This item was tabled for the Executive Board.

Sally reported that she has packets on the Beaver Dam Relay for Life and that the Dodge County Dairy Brunch still needs workers.

Sherry Helmer moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill Schmidt gave a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed. The 4-H Flag pledge was recited.

The next meeting of the Dodge County Leader Association will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Julie Guenterberg, secretary

Leader Association Meetings 2004 September 15 - 7:30pm October 26 - 7:30pm
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