

**Unofficial Minutes Ellis County 4-H Home Ec/BBQ/Food Stand Committee  
September 2018**

Home Ec/BBQ/Food Stand Committee met in the Ellis Co. Extension Office back room on September 26, 2018 at 5:15pm.

The meeting was called to order by Marisa Wasinger.

Mike and Amy Jensen gave their Food Stand Manager report. There are 220 breakfast burritos left, they are for sale in the Extension office. The Food Stand was able to make the exhibitor breakfast for \$297 + lots of free labor. Suggested to source out the Exhibitor Breakfast. Recommendations also included using 4 money boxes instead of 2 for shift change, having fewer order takers, have 4Her's deliver the meals to the customers instead of calling at the window, there is need of an ice machine by the food stand, need nacho maker instead of crock pots, need to redesign the order forms, need to redesign the flow of the food stand. Amy and Marisa Wasinger created training videos for the different jobs at the foodstand. It was suggested that these be shown at a 4-H club meeting prior to the Fair next year. It was also suggested to increase the manager pay. On average Mike and Amy put in 18 hours each, every day of the fair. They are going to present the committee with their exact time spent at the next meeting. Over all the Food Stand had an excellent Fair, making a profit of \$6,575.95 the 3rd highest profit margin in 20 years. Mike and Amy were commended for their job well done!

Donna Maskus gave the 4H BBQ report. With the BBQ being on Saturday this year the leftovers could not be donated to the Food Stand like in previous years. So the leftovers of the BBQ were delivered to area law enforcement and EMS stations and were well received. There were great donations by the 4H Families. It was suggested to try to get more bids for next year, add more names to our vendor list and obtain more sponsorships. It was also suggested to have 4H families make salads and desserts to serve and to save on cost. Consider seeking out sponsors to help with the cost of the event.

The BBQ cost the committee \$31.00 after all tickets were taken and expenses paid. Amy M. Wasinger posed the question as to the purpose of the BBQ if it continuously loses money? It was stated that the purpose of the BBQ is to bring 4Her's and the community together. It was suggested that we might try to focus on this part more. The suggestion was made for 4-H'ers with animals in the sale continue to invite their buyers and to take the time to sit and eat the meal with them. John Wasinger moved to not give away BBQ Tickets on the radio, Grace Schmeidler 2nd the motion, motion passed. Malachi moved to have the BBQ on the Friday of the fair, John Wasinger seconded the motion, motion passed.

LifeSkills Judging feedback was that the format is going to stay the same while the State decides how they would like to conduct the Judging. You should be able to find results on the Cottonwood district web page.

Food Challenge feedback was that the kids enjoyed the healthy options, it was a lot of fun and the prizes were neat. There were 73 participants in the Food Challenge.

There was no Fashion Revue Feedback.

Megan Howe will attend the 4H council meeting to make the report on October 2nd.

John Wasinger moved to have the next meeting at the Food Stand. Grace Schmeidler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy & John Wasinger