Unofficial Minutes Ellis Co. 4-H Council
August 19, 2020

The 4-H Council meeting was called to order August 19th by President Anna Kuhn at 6:30 P.M. Flag Salute and 4-H pledge followed. Grace B. Schmeidler read the minutes and Karli Neher moved that the minutes be approved as read, John Weisenborn seconded. Motion carried. Next, Heather Scheck read the Treasurer’s Report with a beginning balance of $25,631.45 and the ending balance of $26,151.16. Taegan Shannon moved that we approve the Treasurer’s Report and Kylie Dreiling seconded. Motion carried.

For the Ag Livestock report Anna Kuhn read that they finalized fair plans and set stall assignments. There next meeting is in September.

For Achievement Banquet Anna Kuhn mentioned 4H Day proposed for March 7th at St. Mary’s in Ellis, snow date March 14th. Achievement Banquet is October 24th planning face to face and virtual options, the theme is “Lift each other up in 4H”, 4H’ers on the committee will create video clips of their favorite projects and show as the program at 5:45 p.m. 6 p.m. supper, they are working on caterer and meal plans that work with Covid recommendations, photo booth hot air balloon contest, 7 p.m. award program, each club pick your own basket theme by October 1st. 4H Week is October 4th-10th 4-H members can do a short Facebook Live about their favorite projects. Continue coloring contest if the schools allow it. The next meeting is in September.

For Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand, Grace B. Schmeidler said their next meeting is in September.

For the Fair Board Report, Jill Pfannenstiel said their next meeting is August 20.

For the Agent report, Susan Schlichting said if you have an exhibit that qualifies for the Kansas State Fair, please register them with the Extension Office by August 25. KAP Books & Pin applications due September 9. They are having a virtual KYLF November 23rd and 24th at Rock Springs registration opens Sept 1 and closes October 15. KS 4-H Youth Council and National 4-H Conference applications due September 21. Rosemary Smith Scholarship applications due September 25. Ambassador applications coming soon 8th through 12th grades eligible. New 4-H year starts October 1, $15 enrollment fee due at time of enrollment mail directly to KS 4-H, not to the Extension Office. Instead of Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat they are doing a Christmas food basket drive. 4-H clubs might consider donating $s or baskets for their 48 Hours of Service. Officer Training local club & zoom workshops. Schedule a photo op for the Wal-Mart grant. Fairgrounds are allowing the 4-H clubs to have meetings in their buildings to help with social distancing.

For Old Business Grace B. Schmeidler moved that we trade the $50 Amazon gift card that we got from the Red Cross Blood Drive last October with Jill Pfannenstiel for $50 cash to put towards a food basket that Hays High DECA will coordinate for the holidays. Kylee Dreiling seconded. Motion carried.

Clubs will continue to provide baskets for a 4-H Scholarship auction at Achievement Banquet. Clubs will pick their own theme and let Theresa know by October 1.

For New Business Grace B. Schmeidler moved that we approve the committee reports. Taegan Shannon seconded. Motion carried. Heather Scheck moved that we fund the Leader Supper at $200, increased from last year due to serving boxed meals. Kyle Dreiling seconded. Motion carried.
Kylie Dreiling moved that at the Achievement Banquet for the leader recognition we should do the same thing as last year, a $15 gift certificate to the 4-H Mall. John Weisenborn seconded. Motion carried. Karli Neher moved that we take the cookie thank you project and turn it into a 48 hours of service project. Taegan Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

There is going to be a doodle poll to figure out when the next meeting is going to be.

Announcements: September 9TH KAPs and Pin Applications due, September 25TH Club awards, officer notebooks, and Rosemary Smith Scholarship applications are due. October 4TH through the 10TH is National 4H week. October 10TH and 11TH is 48 Hours of service.

A 4-H Small Animal barn fundraising update was shared. We did receive a donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation for $1,000. That leaves us $1,975 from our fundraising goal.

Kylie Dreiling moved that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace B. Schmeidler, Secretary