

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 12, 2008

Present: Laura Barker, Char Ehlert, Jason Dobbs, Mark Watkins, Sr., Tim Marek, Eloisa Gomez, Renee Marek, Taylor Marek, Mark Watkins, Jr., Laura Brushaber

The meeting was called to order by president, Jason Dobbs, and pledges were recited.

The minutes from the last meeting were sent to board members. Mark Sr. moved to accept the minutes. Laura Barker seconded the motion. Approved.

The 2008 budget committee met last week and worked on the expense portion of the budget. Sharon had said the income portion would be worked on by email and/or phone. Jason will follow up with Sharon.

Mark Sr. said that the 2007 books are ready to audit. Sharon will need to set up audit committee. Laura Brushaber volunteered to be on that committee. Mark Sr. also wants to set up the audit of the office accounts – he will contact Angela.

David Running was to be at this meeting, but was unable to travel because of the weather. He will come to the March board meeting.

Waukesha county fair – Angela got an email from Shari Black stating that Milwaukee County has been accepted to be at their 2008 fair. Jason asked leaders to hold off on plans with Waukesha until Angela hears more details from Shari. Renee suggested that only one person be the contact for all things relating to fair. It was suggested that this should be Angela. One item that needs to be worked on for this year's fair is better communications between all people who will be in charge of different areas of the fair. Char said that she wants to keep the Milwaukee County live horse show separate from Waukesha's.

Harvest Fair – Extension will be at Harvest Fair and is encouraging 4-H to be involved. Renee did tell Brian that we were interested in exhibition at the fair, but not holding our 4-H fair there. Renee said that a golf outing and state fair pig races are possible places that we could volunteer to work to raise funds. We would like to have a presence at the Harvest Fair. Renee suggested holding our awards recognition for 4-H members at Harvest Fair instead of the Fall Family Fun Fest event.

Angela had provided Jason with the new enrollment forms to be used for next year and board members reviewed them. We also received the second page of the enrollment form, which is a code of conduct form that Angela has designed. Jason said that Angela also wants to include in next year's enrollment packet a page describing the Leaders Association that includes what we do, who we are, what do we do with the money we have and collect from families. This will need to be written – suggestion was made to hold off until after David Running presents his information at the next board meeting. Laura Brushaber suggested that on all pages of the enrollment packet the full name of the leaders association be used. Copies of these two pages will be sent out with the minutes – Jason will get them to Laura to send out.

The 4-H in Action newsletter was mailed out last month and it was reported that 99 copies were distributed and it is also on the website. March 17th is the deadline for articles for the next 4-H in Action.

Summer camp will be July 27-30, 2008 and we will be camping with Grant County at Upham Woods. It will be an integrated camp and Milwaukee County campers will be mixing with Grant County for all aspects of camp. Non-4H youth will not be accepted this year as campers. It was announced that only 20 campers from Milwaukee County will be able to attend camp. We also will need to provide 1-2 youth counselors and 2 adult chaperones and Angela. The names of counselors and chaperones need to be turned in by March 21st. Angela asked that leaders contact her with the names of possible youth counselors as soon as possible. Angela has also asked that we provide one adult to help her select the counselors from all the names of interested youth that she receives. Renee moved that Mark Jr. be the camp counselor recruiting team member helping Angela. Laura Barker seconded the motion. Approved.

Jason said he will contact Angela to ask her to contact club leaders to ask them for counselor suggestions. April 12-13th there will be a training at Upham Woods for first time counselors and chaperones. The counselors and chaperones will also need to attend a meeting with Grant County that will be held in Grant County.

Jason requested that the budget committee add \$275.00 to the budget for the camp counselor training (this is \$55 per person if all counselors and chaperones are first time). Mark Jr. moved that the Leaders Association pay for the first time counselors and chaperones to attend this training per Grant County's request. Laura Brushaber seconded the motion. Approved.

Jason also said that he would like the budget committee to consider putting into the budget \$800 for the bus, \$50 for camp insurance, \$300 camp fee for two adults and Angela (\$100 x 3 adults) and \$150 for half of the cost of two camp counselors. He also suggested that if we pay for these items, then there should not be any camp scholarships for campers. These items come to a total budget addition of \$1300.00.

Mark Sr. moved that first time Upham Woods training attendees be required to repay their training fee to the Leaders Association if they do not chaperone or be a counselor at the 2008 summer camp (suggest an agreement form be signed). Mark Jr. seconded the motion. Approved.

Communication Arts – Mark Sr. moved to pay \$25.00 each to the two judges for the premium paying (fair judged) portions of the Communication Arts Festival on March 8, 2008. Char seconded the motion.

Jason said that he will contact Sharon to make sure that she gets in touch with Angela to confirm the complete schedule of events.

2008 Goals – Angela's goals for this year are to improve communications (Leaders Association, county-wide with 4-H publications and the website, promote SET – Science, Engineering and Technology project), increase countywide offerings, increase 4-H membership and 4-H awareness, and start new clubs with a focus on the central city. Jason's goals are to have the Leaders Association go through a visioning process lead by someone outside of our group, determine what the plan is for our investments, how to sustain the group, and increase participation in and awareness of the Leaders Association.

Records retention policy – Laura Brushaber will draft a by-law change regarding records retention for the March meeting. Jason will check on the possibility of electronic file storage at the office.

4-H Plus Database – this is the Blue Ribbon enrollment replacement program. This is statewide and we do not have to pay for this software. We will still need to use the Blue Ribbon software for the fair.

Jason said that we have or need committees for budget, events and the fair. Tom is working on this and any concerns should be brought up to Jason or Tom. Additional committees can be formed as needed. The board needs to know what each committee is doing and who is on the committee. Jason will contact Sharon regarding this.

Art Beat – Mark Sr. handed out the Art Beat workshop flyer and information and said that he is looking for an adult female chaperone to also attend this workshop.

Mark Sr. said that March's exploring Saturday will be 'Scientist for a Day' with Mary Thiry. It will be held on March 1, 2008.

Jason said that 'Operation Home Front' is looking for volunteers to help box up items for families of soldiers. He will get all the details and get this information out to leaders.

Tim mentioned that newsletter articles need to be more timely. Families need to have more than a few days notice for events.

Mark Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura Barker seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 11, 2008 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brushaber
Secretary