

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 11, 2008

Present: David Running (guest), Christine Mann, Sharon Eberhardt, Renee Marek, Jason Dobbs, Mark Watkins, Sr., Laura Barker, Laura Brushaber

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

David Running was introduced.

Minutes from the February meeting were sent to all board members. Sharon moved to accept the minutes. Mark seconded the motion. Approved.

The treasurer's report was distributed and Mark mentioned that since the end of 2007, our assets have gone down by approximately \$13,000 due to the stock market.

The budget committee will meet on March 18, 2008 at the 4-H office beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The audit committee will meet on March 26, 2008 at the 4-H office beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Sharon moved to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. Renee seconded the motion. Approved.

David Running went over the survey results and handed out printed reports to board members. David said that the intent of the survey was to help the new staff person understand concerns of volunteers in the Milwaukee County 4-H program. David reviewed the results and said that he will try and attend future board meetings and that he is going to help make changes here in the Milwaukee County 4-H program as found to be necessary. He will also help develop a strategic plan for the Leaders Association and help to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Leaders Association and staff.

Contest/Events schedule – Favorite Foods will be April 26th and Laura Barker is the chair of the committee. Committee members: Tina Mann, Ellen and Laura Ann Deall, Laura Barker.

Communication Arts (event was postponed) – tentative new date will be May 17th, possibly combined with Music/Drama and Solo/Duet contest. Sharon Eberhardt is the committee chair.

Clothing Review – planning is just being started – Tina Mann will chair the committee.

Suggestion was made to put the contest/event templates and rules on the website.

Angela had prepared 'County Event and Contest Planning Guidelines' and Jason shared Angela's requests and suggestions with the board members. Copy of that document is attached to these minutes.

Jason will forward the contest committee chairs names to Angela.

The county Exploring 4-H Saturday program is growing – there were 22 people at the March event. Mark handed out a flyer describing the rest of the exploring programs for 2008.

On March 13th Renee and Angela will be attending a fair committee meeting with Waukesha. It was suggested that Milwaukee use the Waukesha fair book this year. Sub-fair committees will need to be established and need people to work on them.

Harvest Fair – Jason is just getting preliminary information on this event.

Laura handed out the suggested records and records retention schedule that she put together at Jason's request. It was discussed and rather than a by-law change this should be a policy or procedure. Jason will write an article for the next newsletter asking for interested people to be on the policy and procedure committee and also that we need a chair for that committee.

Angela has found 2-3 new families that want to belong to 4-H and has directed them to existing clubs. She also has three newly forming clubs that may become traditional clubs – Lincoln Neighborhood Development Corp, Next Door Foundation, and Family Bridges. Angela is also going to be working with MPS for after-school clubs and summer program clubs.

Angela will be contacting those clubs that she did not receive re-enrollments from.

Next deadline for newsletter articles is March 17, 2008. Get articles to Angela by this date for publication in the next 4-H In Action newsletter.

EIN forms – club leaders should have received them. You need to send these to Angela as soon as possible.

Behavior expectation forms will go out next year with enrollments – the board has to enforce these expectations. A fall committee may be needed to further handle this.

Summer Camp – Two youth counselors are still needed. Deadline for application is Friday, March 14, 2008 and so far no youth have signed up to be counselors. Camp will be July 27-30, 2008. Camper applications will go out next week and will be due May 9, 2008. Cost is \$97 and payment must be sent with application. Also, there have not been any adults that have filled out and turned in chaperone applications as of yet.

Laura Brushaber said that she would like to chair a committee for the Science Workshop day that was proposed by Sharon, but needs to have board approval for the event and also a budget of \$25-\$50 for supplies and/or workshop presenters. Mark moved to allow \$50 to cover expenses for the science day workshop to be held on May 31, 2008. Laura Barker seconded the motion. Approved.

Laura Barker moved that \$100 be put in the budget for the Foods Revue. Renee seconded the motion. Laura stated that \$50 would be for the judge and \$50 for demonstration and mini workshop supplies to be held that day. Discussion held. Vote taken – 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Angela is collaborating with Waukesha on cross-county projects for both youth and adult leaders. There will be a special enrollment form for those who want to attend Waukesha project events because of liability issues. There will be a limit of four projects per member. Members may also need to take part in Waukesha 4-H fundraising and project fees. This is still being confirmed between Angela and Maria (the Waukesha 4-H agent). Possible projects that Milwaukee members/leaders could attend in Waukesha include: dog and dog obedience,

aerospace, model trains, rabbit hopping, book circle, photography, and shooting sports. Information will be coming out in April and questions can be directed to Jason.

Volunteer expectation forms (leader) were handed out and filled in tonight. A copy is attached to these minutes for those who did not attend this board meeting.

State Fair – Angela will be getting the packet of information after April 1st.

Committees – Jason will be personally contacting clubs and will be attending their meetings to try and get more committee participation from non-board members. He will be doing this for the next couple of months.

The Outdoor Adventure kick off meeting will be held on March 25, 2008 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office.

The county ceramics project is meeting on March 14, 2008 and again on March 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the 4-H office. This project will continue to meet twice a month through May.

Laura Barker moved to adjourn the meeting. Renee seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be April 8, 2008 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brushaber
Secretary