

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MARCH 10, 2009**

Present: Char Ehlert, Michelle Gonzalez, Mary Thiry, Mark Watkins, Sr., Mark Watkins, Jr., Laura Barker, Christine Mann, Ellen Deall, Laura Ann Deall, Carol Sims, Sharon Eberhardt, Laura Brushaber

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by president, Mark Watkins, Jr. Pledges were recited.

Michelle Gonzalez introduced herself and said that she is officially the new 4-H Youth Educator and that beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> she will be the extension office liaison to the board instead of Mary Thiry.

Mark Watkins, Sr., moved to accept the secretary's minutes from the last board meeting. Laura Barker seconded the motion.

There is no treasurer's report tonight as there were just a few deposits made this year. Mark Sr. said he will have a full report at the next meeting.

The proposed 2000 budget was handed out and line items discussed. Line 322 may be too high. We are short on blue program ribbons. Camp budget was discussed. All board members are in favor of the proposed 2009 budget.

Laura Brushaber forgot the audit report at home but said that the audit of the 2008 books was completed and they were found to be in good order. A copy of the audit report will be sent to board members along with these minutes.

Youth Development Report – Mary reviewed the charter and said that it needs to be sent annually to Greg Hutchins. Sharon moved to accept the charter with minor changes. Ellen seconded the motion.

We will be holding a special board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the expectations and communications plan. Mark Jr. will start an email/phone chain for board members suggestions.

We will need to set up a camp committee and a fair committee.

A short break was taken in the board meeting for the official opening of the 4-H resource room.

Michelle stated that she is working on a communication plan. She also asked about office staff purchases made on behalf of the Leaders Association. Ellen moved that when expenditures need to be made, a call should be made to the treasurer to confirm that the expenditure is the budget and will be paid by the Leaders Association. Those not in the budget, need to have board action. Mark Sr. seconded the motion. Approved.

Michelle said that she is meeting clubs and families. She also went over the notification policy for cancellation of county events.

The member project enrollment/changes deadline has been extended until April 30, 2009.

We discussed fair and form deadlines and the policy for those who don't meet deadlines. We decided to hold this discussion until the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Michelle reported that there is one club entry and three solos for the Music/Drama Festival. Mark Sr. moved to limit the Music/Drama Festival to one judge. Laura Barker seconded the motion. Four approved – 3 opposed. Carried.

Committee reports – Organization committee – the audit of 2008 is complete and 2009 budget is completed. Laura Brushaber stated that there will be an article in the upcoming newsletter requesting people to sign up for this committee. Promotion committee – Laura Barker said she is a committee of one as of now and she was thinking of doing a yard sign promotion of 4-H in Milwaukee County. Events and activities committee – Carol has not met yet but will be meeting with the other committee chairs after the board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Contest committee – Tina said that the judges have been set for most contests.

Mark Sr. shared the letter from Dennis about the fair meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Laura Barker had taken an inventory of ribbons and pins and shared with board. We have over 1250 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The late bills from the office were discussed. Mark Sr. recently received the dues bill that was dated November, sent to the office, and we had budgeted for in the 2008 budget.

Discussed usage and sales of the 4-H literature in the resource room. Literature is color coded and Mark Sr. said he is working on getting a donation box for the literature.

Mark Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Next meeting of the board of directors will be April 14, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H office.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Brushaber  
Secretary