

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Vice President, Mark Watkins, Jr.

Present were: Mary Thiry, David Running, Mark Watkins, Sr., Christine Mann, Mark Watkins, Jr., Laura Barker, Laura Brushaber.

Pledges were recited.

Mary and David were introduced as guests at tonight's meeting.

The office will begin interviewing after Thanksgiving for a permanent 4-H agent. Mary said they are hoping to fill the position by January 1, 2009 or shortly after.

The minutes of the last meeting were not available, so will be approved at the December meeting.

Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. Tina moved to approve the report pending audit. Laura Brushaber seconded the motion.

County Fair – David stated that we need to form a fair board because the state office needs reports for Milwaukee County fair. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture is who should have sent paperwork to the county office. Mary will check for it.

David said he will be meeting with Dennis Lukaszewski at the beginning of December for starting work on the fair board. Milwaukee County fair board could have a sub 'Junior Fair Board'. The fair board will decide where youth in Milwaukee County will exhibit.

During this transition period we can continue with Waukesha or exhibit in Milwaukee, but the decision needs to be made now. Mark Sr. moved to stay at Waukesha for 2009 fair. Tina seconded the motion. Vote taken – four in favor, one opposed. Laura Brushaber will email Eloisa to let her know the board's decision.

The county calendar was handed out and reviewed. Mary asked that leaders review the calendar and get changes to Michelle as soon as possible. Many thanks to the calendar committee for their work in putting this together.

Discussion was held regarding committees. The Leaders Association's role is to support leaders and represent them and to support 4-H program financially. David suggested committees needed would be: fund raising, expansion, calendar & communications.

It was suggested to review how to best distribute the calendar.

Laura Brushaber mentioned that she has one item left from the fair auction that was never pick up by the winning bidder or paid for. It is a family membership to the Schlitz Audubon Center. It was decided to use this as a door prize at the annual leaders meeting.

Laura Barker moved to purchase blue ribbons with the \$90 credit and hold off on record book pins until a record book committee meets. Mark Sr. seconded the motion. Approved.

Laura Barker volunteered to inventory the ribbons and store them at her home until after the office move takes place.

Date for the annual leaders meeting will be January 6, 2009 at the 4-H office beginning at 6:45 p.m. Laura Brushaber will arrange for the notices to be sent out.

The next two board meeting dates will be December 9, 2008 and January 13, 2009. Both meetings will be at the 4-H office.

Laura Barker gave a report on the Leader Council meeting in Wausau that she and her daughter attended. She will be on the Leader Council for a two year term.

Mark Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Tina seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting of the board of directors will be December 9, 2008 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the office.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brushaber
Secretary