

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**JANUARY 8, 2008**

Present: Mark Watkins, Sr., Tom Piacentine, Angela Houk, Laura Barker, Renee Marek, Tim Marek, Eloisa Gomez, Char Ehlert, Sharon Eberhardt, Jason Dobbs, Laura Brushaber

The meeting was called to order by president, Tom Piacentine, and pledges were recited.

Angela Houk (the new Milwaukee County 4-H Program Coordinator) introduced herself and talked a little bit about what she will be doing in this new position.

Eloisa said that David Running will come to the next board of directors meeting to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the office, board of directors, and leaders.

Angela said that the Science-Engineering-Technology programs will be one of the focuses for this year.

Minutes of the October meeting had been mailed to board members. Mark moved to accept the October minutes. Sharon seconded the motion. Approved.

Mark distributed the treasurer's report and said that on the first page there should be a note of outstanding checks in the amount of \$132.25. In 2008 we will pursue a new investment handler as suggested last year. Sharon said she will try and get something set up for the end of February.

Mark reviewed upcoming Exploring 4-H Saturday workshops and had a handout for all board members to share with their clubs. Information will also be in the next newsletter and on the website.

There were no members selected for any trips through the ME process. We need to get the official results from Tina – Sharon said she will call her tomorrow to let her know we need these results.

Tom said that he received paperwork from the State saying that they need to have the fair details for Milwaukee County by February 1, 2008. Sharon moved that we join with Waukesha for the 2008 county fair. Char seconded the motion. Approved.

Sharon said that she is working on a calendar of events and listed the following tentative dates for these events:

- Communication Arts – March 8, 2008
- Arts Discovery Day – April 12, 2008
- Music & Drama – May 17, 2008
- Foods Revue – April 26, 2008
- Nature/Science Day – May 31, 2008
- Madison Conference – June 16<sup>th</sup> thru June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Aerospace/Rocket event – June 2008
- Clothing Preview – July 9, 2008
- County Fair @ Waukesha – July 16<sup>th</sup> thru July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- County Fair Judging – July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Sewing Instruction workshop – February 2008

It was suggested that we open up our Music and Drama and Foods events to Waukesha and that we could possibly combine with them for the Rocket/Aerospace event.

Tom announced that there are two and three year positions open on the board of directors. Sharon moved to appoint Renee Marek to the vacant three-year position on the board. Laura Barker seconded the motion. Approved.

Election of officers – Sharon nominated Jason for the office of President. Char seconded the motion. Tom volunteered for the Vice President office, Laura for the secretary office, and Mark for the office of treasurer. Sharon moved to accept this slate of officers. Renee seconded the motion. Approved.

Camp dates are July 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be sharing the camp with Grant County.

January 29, 2008 the budget committee will meet at the 4-H office beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Char announced that the Model Horse Show will be this Saturday (January 12, 2008) at the Oak Creek Legion Post, 9327 South Shepherd, from approximately 9:00 – 3:00. All are invited to attend this event.

Laura Barker asked about officer training for her club and others. She will check with Demetrius or Angela. Demetrius has held these training sessions in the past years.

Discussion was held about State Conference and Jason said that members should be allowed to attend even if they did not fill in ME's and attend interviews. It was mentioned that the ME's are a way to provide scholarships from the board to deserving members. Deadline is approaching for members to sign up for this conference and Jason said he will make sure that Angela knows about this and gets the application in the next newsletter.

Sharon moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be February 12, 2008 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the 4-H office.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Brushaber  
Secretary