

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Present: Mary Thiry, Michelle Gonzalez, Christine Mann, Mark Watkins, Sr., Ellen Deall, Carol Sims, Sue Rolison, Mark Watkins, Jr., Sharon Eberhardt, Laura Brushaber

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President, Mark Watkins, Jr.

Pledges were recited.

Sue Rolison introduced herself and talked about the club she is starting at Prince of Peace.

Ellen moved to accept the May minutes which were mailed to board members. Mark Sr. seconded the motion.

Mark Sr. handed out the treasurer's report and it was discussed. Also discussed was number of members and leaders for insurance purposes. There are 153 youth members in 11 community clubs and an additional 20 horse project members. There are 36 leaders and an additional 2 horse leaders. Insurance charges are more for those leaders and members in the horse project which is why they are reported separately. Sharon moved to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. Tina seconded the motion.

Michelle reviewed the expectation sheet, showed the lawn signs that she had made up. She also mentioned that 4-H promotional materials were distributed to public libraries. Michelle also said that she is working with the volunteer center to get 4-H on their listings looking for volunteers.

SET is now referred to as STEM and Michelle reviewed the certification program handout. This will be launched on National 4-H Science Day. Exploring 4-H STEM is upcoming in Milwaukee County in fall and spring. Michelle said they are working on getting specialists here in Milwaukee for training and workshops.

Michelle said that she needs youth to help at the Milwaukee County Fair with the science experiment on both the 26th and 27th of September. Call Michelle if your members can help out at the fair.

4-H club leadership meetings are coming up in October. One adult representative from each club should attend either October 15th or 24th. Must attend in order to renew the club's charter.

Michelle went over the office staff furlough and mentioned that there is an article in the newsletter about those days that the office will not be staffed.

Fall Forum – Laura Barker is our representative. Mark Jr. said he will call her to make sure she will attend on October 18th. Line 720 in our budget can be dealt with as a reimbursement item at a future meeting. If Laura Barker cannot attend, Michelle can send out a notice to adults looking for someone interested in taking Laura's place.

Mary is now the advisor to the board. She handed out 'Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Policies' and reviewed the handout 'What is a 4-H leader'. Board charter needs to be done also. The board will need to meet to do this. Mark Jr. will attend the October meeting to represent the board. Mary said that she and Michelle will help the board in any way they can to get the charter completed.

Silent Auction report – Laura Brushaber reported that there were two items left that the winning bidders never paid for or picked up. These will be used for door prizes at the October leader meetings. It was mentioned that if committees are soliciting, they need to let the treasurer know to watch for incoming donations.

Sharon discussed the TIN/EIN numbers and mentioned that while working on this, she discovered that the board of directors' fiscal year is from Sept 1st through August 31st and we have been operating on a calendar year.

Sharon asked that a meeting of the budget committee be held on September 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Culver's on Miller Park Way. The 990N and filing requirements will also be discussed at that meeting.

Fall Family Fest and Annual Leaders Meeting will be held on October 24th. Carol and Mark Sr. will begin working on this and Carol will prepare the flyer to be mailed out and get it to Michelle for distribution. It will be a potluck lunch.

Michelle talked about Milwaukee County Fair at Harvest Fest. Members and leaders will be able to take part in the fair in one of three ways. They can exhibit, man the information booth, or help with the national science experiment. Mark Sr. suggested that this should be handled outside of the board meeting by a fair committee. They should contact the families and get names of those that want to participate to Michelle.

Tina reported that the contests are completed for this year. Tina asked Michelle to prepare a listing for her of those in the clothing and foods projects so that those contests can be planned for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

The courtyard benches (four) are complete and one family has returned several times over the summer to work on weeding and caring for the gardens planted in early summer.

Insurance will be discussed at the budget meeting instead of at this board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

September 30th the by-laws committee will meet at the 4-H office beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Fair business – should be discussed in committee

Calendar for 2009-2010 – committee will meet on Tuesday, September 15th. Michelle and Tina will meet.

Photo Follies was discussed and Mark Sr. moved that \$120 (\$20 per person) for this photo workshop be added to the budget. Ellen seconded the motion. Vote taken – all in favor. Sharon abstained.

Sharon moved to cover Michelle's fee of \$65 for attending the Photo Follies as a reimbursement. Ellen seconded the motion. Carried.

The board will hold an October meeting on the 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office for the purpose of discussing the charter, budget, calendar, and by-laws.

Reimbursement of entry/parking fees for those helping at the Waukesha fair in July was discussed. This would be those helping in the action center and silent auction booth. Sharon moved to reimburse parking and admission for action center and silent auction workers. Tina seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting of the board of directors will be October 13th, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brushaber
Secretary