

Grant/Adams Leaders Council Meeting – Oct. 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Allen Smith at 7:05 PM location Time Out Pizza in Othello Washington

In attendance was Jeannie Kiehn, Lauren Scanga, Allen Smith, Dick Wietman, Laura Smith, Mark Webber, Emily Burke, Michelle Daniel, Ginny Todd, Rosie Dockins, Jamie Kruger, Brianna Ingram.

The pledges were recited and then a treasures report was given. In the checking account we have \$9,385 and in a CD we have \$10,000 give or take a few pennies.

Jeannie Kiehn submitted some receipts from fair for food for Tuesday evening judging and taking entries and 4-H promotional items purchased. A motion was made by Mark Webber to reimburse for those receipts it was seconded by Laura Smith all were in favor in, the motion carries. For detailed amounts please contact the Treasurer.

Area reports:

There were no areas area reports for area 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Area three reported that record books for area three judging are due on October 10 by 3 PM to Laura Smith at Pure Country Harvest or they can be taken to the Chief Mo Middle School office with Tonia Doyer's name on them or submitted by 5 PM to Tonia Doyer's room for judging.

Laura also reported that there were 3 leaders including herself going to 4-H Forum and that they are excited to go to that. Jeannie reported that there was another leader also.

Area six reported that Adams County livestock checks won't be out for a while they're waiting for some money to come in thinking 2 to 3 weeks from now.

Horse Committee -

Current superintendents of the Grant and Adams County Fairs are stepping down. The next Grant County Horse Committee meeting is on October 24 at 6:15 PM for officers 7 PM for everyone else and elections for the horse committee will be that night.

Livestock committees -

There was no report except for the Grant County fair is looking for a new horse and goat superintendent. They are also thinking of moving the sale for the Adams County Fair to the Friday with livestock judging on Saturday. Their meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at the county service building- next meeting is October 26 if questions contact Mark Webber

Financial committee-

Emily wants to arrange a date to take over the books with Dick and also arrange a date to meet at the bank to get the bank signatures switched.

Leadership Committee-

Laura has some great ideas starting with having kids that hold a leadership council positions such as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter all coming to a leadership rally- learning about their specific positions and ask 4-H alumni who recently graduated to come and talk about those positions.

Emily also has some really great ideas and input and Laura and Emily will be getting together soon to complete a leadership rally meeting.

Extension news:

4H 101-

Mark W asked if in the future we could hold a kick-off in Othello as we did last year, Extension office said they already had dates planned so next year they will look at doing that.

There are still secretary books that need to be picked up from the Extension office- if you are missing your books please go to the extension office to pick them up.

Poster judges- parents asked if they could please put the sticker somewhere else not on the poster because if they're going to state fair it is very hard to take the stickers off.

Lauren talked about recruiting team leaders- there are programs for teens also for adult advisers for mentorship. Great learning opportunity as well as great community service hours.

There's also mentoring on Fridays at North elementary from 3:30 to 5:30 and also at Parkway in Ephrata as well. Need volunteer hours? This is a great opportunity for them! There's also the digital skills in the Quincy community or surrounding area. In the digital skills one they devise an educational learning program. It's a great learning opportunity for teens.

Old business:

Leaders and parents need to start stepping up to be judges at the fair if people don't the still life won't be judged. We were OK for the Grant County Fair but at the Adams County Fair there was hardly anyone to help. This is not the Extension 4-H Coordinators job and leaders council needs to start helping recruit volunteers to judge.

The way it used to be was there was one still life superintendent who then would find other superintendents for each division such as cooking, baking, arts and crafts, photography and so forth and then those superintendence would find the judges.

If we don't get more help from volunteers your children's still life exhibits will not be judged.

Jeannie and Lauren thanked everybody who did help at the fairs- is very much appreciated!

There's been talk about having a Grant/Adams achievement awards night. Places that we could have it are at the Huck Fuller building or at a school; if you do it at the school there's \$100

custodial fee but there's plenty of room for everybody. It would be Potluck style and Emily suggested having the kids who are in the clubs who are president, vice president and so forth be the ones to hand out awards for their clubs getting them more involved.

To explore this option more, we would need a committee to do an awards night- we need to rekindle the flame- get the kids excited and get them involved. Another thing that we can do for awards night is have different clubs set up booths and have a 4-H "fair" night where clubs can display the different projects they did that year by setting up a booth and let people know what they do.

Jeannie thought it would be a good idea to have each area select one person to have them get together and form a committee to get this event going.

Shelley Wade is leader of the year and in the past Leaders Council has given a full sponsorship for 4-H forum to leader of the year. A motion was made by Emily to provide a full sponsorship for Shelly to go to 4-H Forum, it was seconded by Laura, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion went on about other people going to Forum and what leaders Council would pay for them as in the past they have paid up to half of a registration and half of a hotel, tonight there was a motion on the floor to pay \$150.00 with a max of 10 people made by Mark Webber second by Emily Burke, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Dick reminded that for those who do go to Forum you get re-reimbursed after you turn in your receipt.

Officer Elections:

It is now time to elect a new president, vice president, secretary and treasurer

Laura Smith respectfully declined being secretary but in the event secretary was unable to make it to the meeting and she was there she would be happy to take minutes. Then there was a nomination for Ginny Todd to be the Othello area secretary for Grant and Adam's leaders Council and Laura agreed that she would do Moses Lake leaders Council meetings. Nomination was made by Mark Webber for Laura and Ginny to share the secretary position, it was seconded by Emily all were in favor, motion carried for Ginny and Laura to share the secretary responsibilities.

Emily Burke nominated/volunteered herself for treasure, it was seconded by Brianna I., all were in favor, motion carried.

Sue Dillman was not there but had mentioned that she was able to fill the vice president position. A motion was made by Emily Burke to nominate Sue Dillman, second by Laura, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Alan Smith nominated/volunteered himself for president. Dick made a motion to except the nomination for Alan Smith as president, it was seconded by Mark, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Several youth members went to state. Results in the Friday update.

We are still looking for a new coordinator to coordinate the KYG. If you know a schoolteacher or someone retired that may be interested Dick would help mentor somebody to take over KYG.

Washington Grown will be coming out this weekend- they were at the Grant County fair interviewing a young 4-h member, Kelly Everett, who does gardening.

New business:

There is now a \$25 fee for enrollment in 4-H \$20 goes to the state and covers all insurance and other fees that and \$5 stays at the county level for fees to help in the county level. All club head leaders needs to re-enroll before any members and other project leaders can re-enroll.

Volunteers do not have to pay the \$25 they will be covered under the washington state L&I insurance.

If there are financial hardships with the family for the \$25 fee there are scholarship forms that can be filled out and the family can work directly with the extension office to hopefully get some fees waived youth members are covered under the AIL insurance.

(?)A motion was made by Emily to pay by check for all people who choose to pay by check online otherwise they can pay by visa or debit, Brianna seconded, and all were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Emily to offer up to \$1000 to support the scholarships to help families in need of help for the new enrollment fee, motion was seconded by Michelle all were in favor, motion carried.

There is a letter available at the extension office if we are interested in sending it out to local businesses to help with the scholarships as well.

Super Saturday will be January 20, the third Saturday in January. Workshops are needed and if anyone has a class they would like to teach please let Leaders Council know. Laura said she will contact KIMSeattle and see if they are interested in coming back. Also looking at having a leadership class as well.

Parent club informational meeting night ideas- is to have it be part of the "fair" night that we were talking about maybe during national 4-H week for next year call it a 4H career fair or mini kick off and invite clubs to have information booths about their club showcasing what they do; have kind of like an open house but clubs have to commit to have a table.

The question was brought up about poster size and what size they have to be for fair standard sizes the 3 x 5' poster paper Adams County fair is thinking of changing there's to half size.

Year End Financial for all clubs are due October 31, 2017. Clubs must turn in their minutes, treasurers reports, and forms and have a peer audit. The extension is required to audit 10 percent of all treasurers books turned in.

This week is national 4-H week, Dick brought up doing an advertisement for the paper that he didn't recommend the \$250 dollars was worth it as 60 to 70% of the two page advertisement is full of sponsors and the 4-H only gets a small amount for advertising and last year they put a bunch of FFA members in the ad. We talked about exploring free Facebook ads or possibly the nickel saver. Leaders Council chose to just explore the Facebook ads for this year.

A letter from the secretary needs to be made for the bank for opening a new account, needs to say the council has voted and we are opening a new account with new names new addresses to Emily Burke; treasure. With Allen Smith as co-signer and Dick Wietman and as a mentor for the new account. A motion was made by Ginny to make that letter, Michelle seconded to open the new account, all were in favor of motion carried. These minutes need to accompany the letter.

Dick brought up the foundation endowment and Lauren said that they are well aware of the endowment.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Michelle, second by Rosie, and all were in favor, motion carries.

Next meeting will be in December at the Huck Fuller Building, 7 pm on December 4th.

Laura Smith
Secretary