4-H Council Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2014 12:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ed Flanigan, Denise Brooks, Betty Schalk, Kathryn Clark, Courtney Roberts (4-H Program Assistant) and Stephanie Milner (4-H Youth Specialist)

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. The minutes from the July 4-H Council meeting were read and approved. Treasurer’s report was $4,210.21 and bills were paid. Ed Flanigan, Denise Brooks, Betty Schalk and Kathryn Clark formed the budget committee and planned the 4-H Council funds for the 2015 year. Kathryn Clark made a motion to accept the 2015 budget and Betty Schalk seconded. The Regional Energizer planning committee requested housing 4-H Regional Energizer funds in the Butler County 4-H Council’s bank account. Betty Schalk made a motion to approve the request and Kathryn Clark seconded. The event will be held in Poplar Bluff and proceeds will be donated to the Kids Helping Kids foundation.

As fair season approaches, council members discussed a Butler County 4-H banner. Denise Brooks made a motion to purchase a banner and Ed Flanigan seconded. Stephanie Milner and Courtney Roberts will contact local printing companies to compare prices.

Leaders discussed fundraising plans (each club can hold 2 fundraisers per 4-H year). County fundraisers were also brainstormed; including a discount card, ring toss board, and county t-shirts. More information will be available after the beginning of the new 4-H year. The cookbook fundraiser has raised over $1,000 for Butler County 4-H. There are only 42 cookbooks left!

Stephanie Milner and Courtney Roberts informed attendants of the statewide dues increase for the 2015 4-H year. Dues will be $25 per youth beginning January 1, 2015 and will cover both county and state fees. Club leaders plan to pay dues for members by December 31st in order to pay the $15 rate. Stephanie also reminded club leaders to encourage members over 13 years old to apply for County Youth Liaison positions. CYL’s represent the clubs and communicate needs to the county 4-H council.

The Recognition Banquet will be held September 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Poplar Bluff. The council discussed possible restaurants to price for the main course of the dinner. Stephanie Milner reminded club leaders to turn in award forms as soon as possible.

Each club has been assigned a dish to serve at the 4-H Recognition Banquet:

Rifle Club & Royal Riders – dessert
Rombauer Rascals – salads
Steppin’ Up & Neelyville 4-H – side dishes
The 4-H Council will provide the main course.
Upcoming Events:
Show-Me-Wares, Deadline September 5
Butler County Fair, September 10-12
Regional Energizer, Deadline September 12
Shooting Sports Leader Certification Registration, Due September 15
Annual Finance Form, Due September 29
4-H Recognition Banquet, September 26

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.