4-H Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Bread Company – Poplar Bluff, Missouri

In attendance: Ashley Melanson, Kristy Wagner, Denise Brooks, Peggy Reinbott, Courtney Roberts (Youth Program Assistant) and Stephanie Milner (4-H Youth Specialist).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 18, 2013 at Bread Company in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Agendas were given out and previous minutes were put in a packet for everyone to read. Everyone participated in the 4-H pledge. No treasurer’s report was given due to the treasurer not being present.

Staff reminded everyone to turn in volunteer and member enrollment forms as soon as possible. These forms are to be turned in periodically if you receive new members. The first payment of dues is due January 10 to the state office, so clubs should turn in any remaining dues before then. If there are new volunteers they will need to attend an orientation. All volunteers (including leaders) are required to turn in volunteer forms each year.

All insurance forms also need to be turned in as soon as possible. (Every club should have insurance; the cost is already included with the dues).

Staff reported that club project plans for the 2013-2014 year will need to be turned in to the office as well as orders and payments for project books. Level I, II and III forms are due by December 16 for 4-H'ers interested in participating in statewide or regional events. A link to the online forms will be emailed to leaders or copies of these forms will be distributed by staff.

Everyone discussed a 4-H Council fundraiser for Ag Expo. Everyone agreed that the 4-H Council will purchase boxes of candy bars (along with a few clubs) to sell at Ag Expo.
Ag Expo is January 24-25 and clubs need to be finalizing plans for working/fundraising/booths. This is a huge event in Butler County. Ag Expo is a great place to hold your club’s fundraiser, but all fundraisers must be approved by staff before starting.

Everyone discussed having a Holiday 4-H party between the dates of December 16-19, but everyone agreed a springtime get-together would work better due to Ag Expo. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Kristy requested extra space at the Ag Expo 4-H booth in order to set up a rabbit and poultry display. Staff will discuss this request with the Extension Council.

Staff reminded everyone about the upcoming 4-H events; the Regional Energizer in February and Teen Conference, March 22-23. More information will be provided in the January edition of the 4-H newsletter and on the Butler County 4-H website.

The council adjourned at 7:17 p.m. and scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bread Company in Poplar Bluff.