

The St. Francois County 4-H Council met November 20, 2008 in the Commissioner's Office. Dolores Howard, Jim Howard, Roberta House, Lexie House, Kylie Fincher, Cindy King, Chris Hendrix, Sherry Tripp, Lisa Morris, Sue Gillam, Martin Johns and Amanda LaChance were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Dolores Howard, President at 7:10 p.m.

A secretary's report was not given as Candice was absent. Minutes will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Martin Johns gave the treasurer reports; 4-H Council \$2,288.76. The Equine Committee Account has \$420.70. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Hendrix. Seconded by Roberta House.

Club Reports were given:

Salem- Had ten members present, they discussed group projects, and community service projects.

Terre Bleue- Members enjoyed a hayride, at the October meeting. Members also took time to play games, bobbed for apples. During the business meeting, officers were elected, and Shelby Tripp also did a demonstration on Oreo Cookie Balls.

Bismarck-Members met and constructed pillows. They will be making ornaments at the next meeting.

Wranglers-Had 15 members present at their last meeting. Kylie Fincher submitted a report for the Central Middle School Newspaper about their 4-H club. The next meeting will be December 19th, 2008 at Roberta House's House.

Young Achievers- David Holdman presented a program on making Biodiesel out of vegetable oils. The next meeting will be December 11th; members will meet for a Christmas party. They will also be cooking Christmas dinner for residents of Ben-Nor and delivering them on December 22nd.

4-H K.N.I.G.H.T.S- Members have been busy working on their nutrition skits. They constructed puppets, backdrops, and wrote out scripts dealing with nutrition. There is a plan to do an American Heart Association Jump Athon in January.

The BOAC grants were discussed. The BOAC grants will be submitted to help assist with construction of new display cases. Roberta House will help write the grant. If the grants are approved Salem 4-H club members have agreed to help build the cases along with members of the Young Achievers.

Amanda gave an update on the 4-H Tri-County Energizer. It will be held January 17, 2009 tentatively at Mineral Area College or Ste. Genevieve Extension Center. The day will begin with registration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. There will be workshops for clover kids, members, and volunteers. This will also serve as a Volunteer Orientation for those who still need to complete the training. Lunch will be served free of charge. A flyer will be mailed out when it becomes available.

J.C. Penney will be hosting a 4-H gift wrapping opportunity. 4-H clubs who wish to participate will be wrapping gifts for donations. A signup sheet was passed around.

Challenge Grants were discussed and applications were passed out to those clubs who were interested.

The 4-H K.N.I.G.H.T.S will be sponsoring an American Heart Association Jump a thon to raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association and heart disease. Plans are still in the works and more details will be available in the next newsletter.

There was discussion on the kitchen expansion project. There is much confusion on if the extension council has been paid back for the \$1,500.00 start up loan. Amanda will check with Jane to see if this has been paid.

In other business Martin Johns brought up not paying the 2007-2008 state dues. He felt we should not pay the dues because of lack of staffing. Council members expressed concern about the consequences if dues are not paid. Amanda will check on the consequences of not paying dues.

Amanda announced Ben Davis will be conducting a beef workshop of "Targeting the Fair" December 9th at the Annex.

Jim Howard spoke about the advertising fee collected from members after the sale of champions at the county fair. Currently members pay \$10.00 per item sold, we might need to increase the sale fee as it is not covering the advertising expenses in the daily journal. There was discussion on other ways to thank buyers other than the advertising in the paper. Ideas included small yard signs, billboards, and window clings. Roberta will check on the prices of small yard signs. Lisa Morris will check on the price of window clings from High Powered Extreme Graphics in Bonne Terre.

The Food Stand Manager position was also discussed. This year the search for the manager will begin earlier. Jim Howard also announced fair dates July 28th-August 1st. This year he hopes more people will be in attendance as they are planning a bull riding event, sanctioned truck and tractor pull, a headline concert, and a sand volley ball tournament.

Roberta House made a motion to adjourn, and Lisa Morris seconded the motion.