Stoddard County 4-H Council Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2014

In attendance: Ronnie Martin, Megan Martin, J.T. Brehmer, Will Brehmer, Angie Parks, Logan Parks, Linda Roberts, Monie Brehmer (EPA) and Stephanie Milner (EPD).

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm at the Stoddard County Extension Office in Bloomfield.

Leaders were reminded that all new adult volunteers needed to fill out the volunteer form for the background check and also needed to complete the volunteer orientation.

It was announced to those attending that Tyson Foods generously donated $1,000.00 in Walmart gift cards to help with the food purchases for Summer Camp this year.

Upcoming dates and events that were discussed:

a. State Congress – May 28 – 30 (Columbia, MO) 4 from our county will be attending. Meagan Smith will serve as chaperone.

b. Stoddard County Livestock Registration – Deadline for forms is June 1st – 4-H members planning to show any breed of livestock must register. No late forms will be accepted.

c. 4-H Summer Camp – June 23 – 25 Theme “Shoot for the Stars” Counselor and Volunteers applications due May 23rd. Camper Forms/fees due June 6th.

d. New Shooting Sports Club – (Butler County) 1st meeting to be held on 6/9 at the Poplar Bluff Gun Range @ 6:30pm. This will be an informational meeting. Actual training will begin on 6/16 and 6/17. If interested in joining contact the Butler County office for more information and forms. Cost to join is $15. (Air Rifle)

e. SEMO District Fair Market Hog Show and Sale Barrows/Gilts – must be ear notched and reported to the Jackson Extension Office by July 15th. Must be under the member’s ownership by July 1. Contact office for nomination forms. Goat & Sheep nominations due as well. Must complete SMQA certification in order to show.

f. Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farmers Wives Tour 2014 – Dexter, MO July 31-August 2 Early Registration ends June 21.

g. 4-H Summer Day Camp – will be held on July 11th at the First United Methodist Church in Poplar Bluff from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Open to 4-H’ers ages 6 to 11yrs. Counselors (ages 14 to 18) are needed. Counselor and Camper applications due June 6th.

The Show Me Wares program will be held at the Stoddard County Fair again this year. Packets will be available soon for those interested in participating. The participants will have the opportunity to set up and sell two evenings if they choose to do so. The fairboard is working on a spot more accessible to the public.

A cooking contest will be held during the Stoddard County fair this year for 4-H members. Plans are in the works and date/time as well as forms will be available at a later date. Members will have the opportunity to prepare a dish to be presented to a panel of judges for tasting. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. You do not have to be enrolled in a foods project to participate.

A County Achievement Day is being planned for October 4, 2014 and will be held at the Stoddard County fairgrounds. More information will be distributed as soon as plans are finalized so please mark your calendars and save the date.

The Stoddard County 4-H program is in search of County Youth Liaisons between the ages of 13 - 18. These members will have the responsibility of interacting with clubs and council to help identify the needs of the county and clubs. They will need to establish communications with their regional reps by email, texting, Facebook, as well as faculty and staff. Some of their duties will be assisting in the planning of the Spring and Fall Regional Energizers. This will be a great opportunity for the kids to become more involved in 4-H as well as learn great leadership skills. We want to encourage any member in good standing interested to contact the office for more information and paperwork needed to apply. We hope to have several eager and enthusiastic 4-H’ers from our county applying to represent us. We ask that parents encourage the kids to become a part of this process. It will also look great on their future resume.

Due to the busy schedules of council members in the month of July it was decided to postpone the July meeting until Monday, August 18 @ 5:30pm at the Extension Office. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.