Stoddard County 4-H Council Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2014

In attendance: Ronnie Martin, J.T. Brehmer, Will Brehmer, Angie Parks, Linda Roberts, Jeanie Huey, Monie Brehmer (YPA) and Stephanie Milner (YPS).

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

Old Business

Our County Youth Liaisons’ were announced to the council. They are Laura Stickles, Danielle Roberts and Emily Johns. CYL’s will represent our county by interacting with other clubs, attending 4-H council meetings and assisting with the planning of the Energizers as well as other duties to be announced.

The Fall Energizer and Achievement Day were cancelled due to other events being held on those weekends. School related, etc.

Stoddard County’s annual Recognition Banquet is scheduled for January 17, 2015 with a makeup date of January 24 in case of inclement weather. Crowley Ridge will be the host and have booked the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield as the venue. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Clubs will provide a meat and each family is asked to bring a side dish and dessert. We will hold the silent auction again with the proceeds going to the Stoddard County Green Clover Scholarship. Each family is asked to contribute one or two items for the auction.

The council discussed having a small county fundraiser to cover some of the cost of awards, pins, etc. A carwash idea was brought to the table in place of selling items due to the excessive fundraising in our area. We will discuss this fundraiser in more detail at our February meeting and try and plan for warmer weather.

Council members were asked about the new online enrollment process and if they had run into any problems or if they had any questions. It was stated the process was easy with very little time involved in enrolling. Members were given a step by step enrollment guide provided by the state office.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Member project records and Year End Officer Summaries are due in the office on 12/5/14. These forms will be judged and will determine the county award winners.

Member online enrollment is due by 12/12/14 in order to be approved on time and receive the discounted rate of $10 per member. After the end of the year registration cost will go up to $22 per member. Leaders were strongly encouraged to have their members enroll by 12/12 so that they can be approved before the deadline.

The State Level I, II, III recognition forms are due in the office by 12/19/14 and not 12/31 as stated in an email sent out prior. The forms have to be to the state by 12/31 so they must be in the office earlier to ensure timely delivery to the state office.

Information was given to everyone regarding the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus trip to be held 6/20 – 6/29/15. They were informed first installment was due to the state office by 12/1.

New Business

Leaders were made aware of Health Care companies that will provide membership dues reimbursements for families that need assistance with the cost of 4-H.

The By-Laws were reviewed and revised as follows: The council will meet every three months as opposed to every two as in the past. Meeting months are February, May, August, and November. CYL’s will attend the council meetings and will be included in the voting membership.

With no further business to discuss the council was reminded of the next meeting date of February 16 at 5:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm