

The Aurora County 4-H Leaders met on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the courthouse. Those in attendance were Tina Kieffer, Guest-Abby Van Gorp, Elaine Schabot, Jill Harris, Becky Moore, Ashley Howard, and Cheryl Dethlefsen. The flag pledges were led by Abby Van Gorp and Cheryl Dethlefsen. Acting secretary Jill Harris read the minutes for the last meeting from September 22, 2022. Update, Tina has a speaker that the county can purchase, but needs to get a cordless mic. Ashley Howard gave the treasurer's report with \$5269.38 in premium, \$12,716.23 in savings, and \$1,613.28 in checking. Checks written were \$180 for volunteers to the State leaders, and \$797.32 to Ron's Market for Achievement days and volunteer meals, \$700 for Cally Faulhaber for 1<sup>st</sup> payment for CWF trip (to be reimbursed), and \$21.35 to Tara Bush for toppings. Elaine made the motion to pay the bills with Jill seconding the motion.

Old Business: Elaine got an updated quote for the hog barn, will be closer to \$6000. Elaine has contacted committee members. They would like to get more water pressure in the barn, maybe replace lines. They will also be getting quotes for pens like the ones Jerauld Co has. Cheryl suggested to check with Steve's Welding also. The discussion from the committee was to work with the city, county, and 4-H leaders to maybe come up with other options using Sanborn and Jerauld as models.

America's Farmers Grow Communities \$5000 donation from Sauvages' has been delivered to SDSU Foundation. We will need to submit a paid itemized invoice that notes what the items were purchased for. Reimbursement will then be made. SDSU Foundation does keep a 5% operating fee (\$250). A donation was also received from Farm Credit Service for \$1000 and the \$1,400 Round up dollars grant from Central Electric for electrical work in the barns that Cheryl applied for was received. Aurora County still has \$450 from the Land O'Lakes Foundation (4/26/22). Paid receipts must be submitted. (Audra had suggested that Cally Faulhaber could use these funds to present a Youth Leadership Workshop at the 4-H building in Feb/March which would be open to all area youth for her State Ambassador project.)

Club charters and EIN numbers are all updated. Just a note, clubs should submit their new EIN numbers to their bank. Some banks require you to open a new account with the new number. Charters were all approved by 12/30/22. Someone needs to contact John Ehlers about the Ronnie Ehlers scholarship. We need to know if it is a one-time or every year scholarship, how it will be run, and how it will be funded. Tina will check with him. The poultry workshop was postponed due to the weather but Hope Baysinger will let us know when she will be able to reschedule.

Election of officers was held. Jill made a motion that the President, Vice President, and Treasurer all stay the same with Jill stepping up into the Secretary role. Becky seconded the motion. Motion carried. So officers will be as follows: Cheryl Dethlefsen-President, Todd Clark-Vice President, Jill Harris-Secretary, and Ashley Howard-Treasurer.

New business: Scholarship checks will need to be written to Angela Munsen and Gabby Fink for \$250 each. Audra is again offering the Food, Fun, and 4-H to 4-H members. December fees were covered by a grant. In January, any members that sign up in Aurora County, there may be a cost. Payment will either be by the Leaders or family.

The SD 4-H Civocacy guide is out and available. It can be viewed at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-civocacy-guide>. The 2023 Statewide community service project will be Paws for a Cause: A Pet Supply Drive. This project will be for new, gently used, or homemade pet supplies that will be distributed to animal shelters or others that volunteer in a shelter. Rocky VonEye would be a good contact person for this.

There is an opportunity for 4-H volunteers to come together to network, learn, and ask questions on January 28<sup>th</sup> in Miller from 9-1:30pm. Registration is \$15 until January 13<sup>th</sup>-then \$20. Tina created a new website design for [www.auroracounty4-h.net](http://www.auroracounty4-h.net) She will also be sending out a Canva newsletter weekly with new 4-H updates. The CWF trip information was sent out with Cally F. wanting to go. The leaders paid the first \$700 as the payment had to be in by today's date. The payment schedule is \$700, \$750, and \$750 with the Leaders adding a \$450 payment to the final check. The payment to the State Office needs to come thru the Leader's account with the family reimbursing the Leaders. The question was asked if we need to transfer money from savings to cover the check or if we would be able to hold off. It was decided to hold off for now.

The next meeting will be March 13, Monday at the courthouse basement at 6:30pm. Meeting adjourned.