

The Aurora Co. 4-H Leaders meeting was held on July 18, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Ag Building with Ashley Howard, Tina Kieffer, Todd Clark, Randy Olivier, Traci Moore, Elaine Schabot, Cheryl Dethlefsen, Tara Bush and Jill Harris. Meeting was called to order by president Cheryl. Flag pledges were led by Todd. The secretary's report was read by Jill Harris in absence of secretary Sue Faulhauber. The treasurer's report was given by Ashley Howard with \$7914.43 in premium, Savings \$9,864.22, and the regular checking was \$3,518.51. Todd made a motion to pay Tina K for supplies she picked up for the Top Chef prizes in the amount of \$63.90. Traci seconded the motion.

Old business: No committee reports were given. Clubs need to decide who will represent the awards committee. The amount that was turned in by the July 1st deadline was \$4,396. This includes some carry over. Elaine made a motion that \$5000 (give or take) will be used for this year's premium fund. Randy seconded the motion. The Stickney Eagles Club was the only club to put out a box for the 2022 Statewide community project. Cheryl will pick up the box and get an amount to Tina to send it. Animal judges were selected and sent contracts. Weston Geppert will do livestock and Dale Knode will do rabbits, chickens, and companion. Each will be paid \$300.

The Top Chef contest went well with 13 youth. Our judges were Rita Sly and Lacey Wieczorek. Cathy Albrecht judged the 4 that participated in Communications contest. The horse show was held on July 14 at the Bruns ranch with 9 participants. Eric Kobernusz was the judge and was paid \$300. Fashion Revue was scheduled for July 19 with 13 kids signed up with 29 outfits. Rocky VonEye and Elaine Titze will judge.

The 4-H day camp was held in Stickney on June 29th with 42 kids. The theme was dairy and several crafts were made. Achievement Days schedule was previewed and finalized. Todd made a motion to organize the displays by areas rather than by club this year. Ashley seconded the motion. The pie auction was discussed and we have the ministers lined up to judge. We will also have the pies (covered) on display during the BBQ with name, kind, and placing next to them and use the white board to help with auctioning them. The exhibit judging was discussed and floaters were added to help. It was discussed that we will either need a couple coolers or the coke cooler to have the water in for Ach Days. We have many cases that were donated by Dakota Air Pro and Central Electric. We will have them available to everyone. Farm Credit employees will be on hand also and will help with kids in the ring and handing out ribbons so parents can enjoy time watching their kids. Megan Strid will take pictures with banners and other snapshots. Cheryl will talk to Clyde O about auctioning pies. She will also get the supplies ordered for the BBQ meal. The Western Wildcats and Country Kids will be on to serve the BBQ, get things set up, and pick up stuff from store. Kelvin will make the pork and Bonny the sauce. Salad, buns, chips, and cookies will be purchased from Ron's Market.

The early project completion names were drawn for 10-\$10 prizes. Winners were Cali Howard, Jayln Moore, Brooke Howard, Alexis Moore, Connor Strid, Sophia Williams, Brailey Mulder, Driften Mulder, Megan Strid, and Aubrey Moore. Ashley will get cash and get it to the winners. The t-shirt sponsor this year is Vern Eide. Designs were presented by Breann Schabot and Brooke Howard. Brooke's design was chosen and she will be awarded \$25. Banners have been ordered and are in. Sponsors are Enemy Creek Club lambs, 281 Meats, Muck Agency, and Chris/Rochelle Fink.

New business: The teen leadership has requested some help with the fun and games after the BBQ. Tara made a motion to give them \$50 with Traci seconding the motion. All fair entries should be in by July 26th. Discussion was held on setting dates for next year's Achievement Days. It was decided to shoot for

Aug. 4-5 for 1st choice and Aug. 1-2 for second choice. In other business, the concession stand still needs cleaned but the water faucet needs fixed. Cheryl will take care of this. Cheryl also donated some primer and we have paint. Just need to find a day to spruce things up a little.

Discussion was held on starting on a building since we have funds in savings. Elaine made a motion to do the electricity in the hog/sheep barn. Todd seconded the motion. Elaine will call Central Electric and get a current quote. The next meeting will be Mon, Sept 19th at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

Acting Secretary-Jill Harris