

The Aurora County 4-H leaders met on June 15, 2023 at the 4-H building at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Tina Kieffer, Cheryl Dethlefsen, Randy Olivier, Paige Olivier, Becky Moore, Ashley Howard, Todd Clark, Dina Ness, and Jill Harris. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dethlefsen and flag pledges were led by Todd Clark. Secretary Jill Harris read the minutes of the last meeting. Tina requested a change to the meeting agenda to register for Achievement Days and State Fair. Ashley Howard gave the treasurer's report of \$5040.38 in premium money, \$10,299.99 in savings, and \$323.60 in checking. There were no bills to pay, and checks to deposit of Country Kids insurance of \$38.50.

Old Business: The building and grounds committee discussion included the railroad ties around the horse arena and to get the open barn done in time for Achievement Days and get the county's help so we will choose a date, July 7, to work on this. There was no information provided on the Grant and Fundraising. A discussion was held on the Awards and Premium committee, and Jill will send an email to the group consisting of a leader from each group, a 4-H member, and Ashley Howard. The list of businesses in Plankinton needs to be re-distributed with the changes from the community and businesses. All Premium money needs to be turned in by July 1st.

Achievement Days is August 4-5 and the schedule will be reviewed later in the meeting. The statewide community project of Paws for a Cause: A Pet Supply Drive needs to be kept track of by the clubs. Fashion Revue and Communications is scheduled for June 27, 2023, and 4-H must register FairEntry by June 20. Top Chef: It's a Wrap is scheduled for June 29, 2023, and 4-H must register FairEntry by June 22. CDM/Horticulture Contests #2 & #3 will be set up during the YIA mentioned earlier, and all three will be set up August 4 from 9-11:00 AM at the 4-H building. The Sanborn Horse Show will be June 27 and 4-H must register by June 22. Jerauld Horse Show will be July 6, and 4-H must register by July 3. Aurora County not sure?

The Livestock Integrity Pledge must be signed and handed in by Achievement Days and for State Fair. Youth Livestock Literacy (YQCA) must be completed by July 1, 2023, and if NOT completed (by County Achievement Days), the member must sign the MISSED DEADLINE agreement and PAY a FEE if wanting to show at the State Fair. Registration papers must be uploaded into FairEntry by July 31 (County) and August 8 (State) 2023.

T-shirt designs were submitted to Tina and were voted on at the meeting and Cali Howard won. The vote was to take her two designs and put it all into one t-shirt. T-shirt costs \$15.00 from Rochelle. Sponsorship for the t-shirts was discussed and 4-H tries to rotate around the county. The color lime green with black or dark green writing. Discussions for sponsors currently are city councils of each community in the county, or splitting the cost between Midstate and Golden West. Cheryl will contact Midwest, and Jill will contact Golden West.

4-H members were to finish projects and take a picture and send in to Tina for prizes. The project completion awards go to Brooke, Jalyn, Alexis, Aubrey, and Grace. \$10.00 for the first drawing, and the second drawing will be July 15, open until midnight.

Central Electric will be having their supper on Wednesday, July 21, and Cheryl will coordinate and send out email. Set up will be at 5:00, with registration at 6:00 and the supper will be at 6:30 PM. This will include a pork sandwich, with Calvin Prien smoking the pork loins, and Randy and Todd slicing and making sandwiches, and clubs helping serve. Jill and Cheryl will bake cookies, and any volunteers who

wish to help. The meal will also be chips, and macaroni salad from Ron's, buns, pickles, and water. Cheryl will check plates and napkins, etc. Let's get our club members involved!

Clean up and set up days for Achievement Days needs to be set. The open barn needs to be finished so we can set up. A July 7 at 6:00 PM work day and possibly July 12 as well, with a Leader's meeting after. August 1 or 2 set up for static and outside barn things at 6:00 PM.

Achievement Days schedule was discussed and the number of animals checked. Currently there are 2 swine, 8 goats, 85 sheep, and 18 beef. Farm Credit people have been contacted and will support during Achievement Days. State 4-H estimated the cost of charges for person(s) to come and they will send at least one person for their services, and Tina will take care of this, and the State person will hand out ribbons. The Achievement Day schedule was set and okay.

BBQ tickets were discussed, and it was agreed that the prices have not been changed for some time, so this year's prices will be Adults = \$7.00 and children \$5.00.

New Business: Banners for Achievement Days were discussed and the cost was approximately \$600.00 at about \$7.00 per banner. Ashley will contact Rochelle about using the same and coordinate this. Discussion of money for Premium for 4-H was \$2527.00 and \$2461.00 for awards...if this stays around the same, get sponsors to help with banners and Cheryl will ask Aurora Crop Insurers.

Pie judging contest for Achievement Days was discussed and it was suggested that we ask Pasto Bill, Pastor Wayne, and Father Fox? Judging is at 3:00 PM on Saturday, and Randy and Derek will coordinate the auction with Ashley and Becky getting the pie judging going.

Depending on the number of State Fair exhibits, if they don't all fit in the Flex, Cheryl will offer her van to help take them to Huron.

Cally Faulhaber applied for and received the 4-H Key Award during TLC. She is also going on the CWF trip to Washington D.C. trip

No other business was discussed. The next meeting will be July 12 at 6:00 PM to get things organized for Achievement Days. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.