

The Aurora County 4-H leaders met on March 13th at 6:30pm at the courthouse. Those in attendance were Tina Kieffer, Randy Olivier, Elaine Schabot, Todd Clark, Becky Moore, Ashley Howard and guest Abby VanGorp. Tara Bush arrived a bit late. The flag pledges were led by Todd. Acting Secretary Elaine Schabot read the minutes for the last meeting from Jan. Ashley Howard gave the treasurer's reports.

Old business: Discussion about improvements to move forward with this summer. We need to contact Central Electric to get the electrical project started on the barn. Next step would be to remove the bad sections in the west shelter. In the hog barn, the suggestion is to tear everything out and use the pens.

Scholarships: Ronny Ehlers estate will have one but need clarification if it is just a one year or more. Saturday March 25 is the YLL event in Stickney-not sure how it will go as there is a funeral that day also. Nothing has been done yet with the Food, Fun, 4-H activity. Audra has not provided a bill. Tina shared that it has just been a couple families that have been participating. Tina is leaving it up to the clubs to monitor supplies for the Paws for a Cause project. At the end of August, each club needs to provide Tina the dollar amount that their club has donated. Rocky VonEye would be a good contact.

Discussion was held on the last year's scholarship recipient and if she is attending school this semester. The check is sent directly to the school student. Student may be asked to provide a copy of their current enrollment. Insurance is due for the clubs. It is \$1.50 per member and the check needs to be written to the Aurora County Leaders. The microgreen and hydroponics workshop was held prior to this meeting and had 3 in attendance. CDM/Hort judging workshop was set up for members to participate in.

In looking ahead to the summer calendar, we will need dates for the public speaking, fashion revue, and special foods or top chef. Tina had many ideas for a wrap challenge. Discussed that depending on who registers, we need to recognize the top awards that day.

June 1st the horses need to be entered. Last year the horse show was at the Bruns Ranch. It will be Bruns and Williams. Novak family might not participate this year. Weigh in will be May 22nd from 4:30-6pm. It is encouraged to have families call ahead so Tina knows how many are coming. Tina would like someone to help pull DNA that afternoon. Envelopes again-no charge but the 4-H office did purchase them.

The Central Electric Supper will be in June. We will plan on same meal as last year-pork loin. Kelvin will cook it and we will let him know the date as soon as we do. We will have mac salad, chips, and cookies all from Ron's Market. There is a balance left from the Land O Lakes. We have gotten awards every year and Audra used some for the Chicks in the Classroom. It has to be used for educational purposes. If Cally is doing her ambassador project, she could use some.

Tina shared the newsletter advertisement for the 4-H position. It is a 47% position with starting wage of \$18,600. Tina also shared that Oakley Perry from SDSU has volunteered to be here to help with Achievement Days and assist with show orders and line ups. The meeting was adjourned by Todd Clark. The next meeting will be May 22nd at 6pm after Weigh In.