

The Aurora Co. 4-H leaders met on May 22, 2023 at 6pm at the 4-H building. Those in attendance were Tina Kieffer, Cheryl Dethlefsen, Randy Olivier, Becky Moore, Ashley & Derek Howard, Tara Bush, Todd Clark, Elaine Schabot, Jill Harris and commissioners Clyde Dethlefsen and Travis Clark. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dethlefsen. Flag pledges were led by Todd Clark. Secretary Jill Harris read the minutes of the last meeting. Ashley Howard gave the treasurer's report of \$5,040.38 in premium, \$13,724.99 in savings, and \$439.93 in checking. Bills to pay are Central Electric \$3,423.33 for wiring in hog barn and \$118.00 for AIL insurance. Elaine made a motion to pay the bills with Becky seconding the motion. Motion carried. Money will have to be transferred from savings to checking.

Old Business: Elaine contacted Central Electric and got the electrical done in the hog barn. We will use the \$1300 from the Round Up grant to help pay for it. Clyde and Travis talked about what to do with the buildings. The contract states that the buildings need to be maintained. They are willing to help since it is a county contract. Their suggestion is to drill a hole next to the posts and put in an old grader blade. It can be cemented in and anchored. The blade, cement, and some labor will be donated by the county. This will fix the sheep barn structure for a long time. Randy made a motion to do this with Todd seconding the motion. It was also mentioned to have Skyler contact District 3 for any historical grants. Discussion was held on how to make use of the portable pens we have for the hog barn to make it work.

Each club is responsible for collecting premium and having it turned in by July 1 in order for Ashley to have the amount to determine what will be used this year. Achievement days is Aug 4th and 5th. Tina will need help procuring livestock judges. Cheryl will call Dale Knode for Rabbits, chickens, and companion animal. Derek will make a couple calls for livestock judges.

Don't forget to keep track of items for the Statewide community service project: Paws for a cause. Tina gave the current enrollment listing. Western Wildcats, Stickney Eagles, and Country Siders have paid their insurance. Cally Faulhaber was awarded the Cheryl Moore Scholarship. There is \$1455.26 left in the Land O'Lakes grant balance. It needs to be used for educational purposes. Maybe the day camp.

New Business: #2 and #3 CDM/Hort contests will be set up during the YIA events. We will use the scantron so the kids can practice for fair. Fashion Revue contest was set for June 27th at 9am and Public Speaking will be at 1pm. Top Chef contest date will be June 29th at 10am and 1pm. We will let the judge pick the category. Horses need to be entered into 4-H online by June 1 along with the youth horse literacy completion. We are waiting for the horse people to pick a date for when the show will be. All animals need to be entered by June 1 into 4-H online. The livestock integrity pledge must be signed by exhibitors and handed into the office by Achievement days. You also sign off on this when entering state fair exhibits. The YLL must be completed by July 1. Registration papers must be uploaded by August 8.

There is a t-shirt design again for the county shirts. Tina will put it in the newsletter. June 15th is the deadline. There will be a project completion reward. If you have a project done, email or

text a picture to Tina. We will draw 5 \$10 cash winners on June 15 and 5 \$10 winners on July 15. The Central Electric supper will be June 21. It will be the same meal as last year. We will need helpers to set up, serve, and clean up. Cheryl will coordinate this. Todd and Randy will help slice and make sandwiches.

There is a camp fee assistance of \$25 per camp. We have 3 campers: Cally Faulhaber-TLC, Kyza Johnson-TLC, and Dusty Johnson-Poinsett. They will need to give a talk to the group and turn in their camp assistance form. The Achievement Day schedule was reviewed. Elaine volunteered to be in charge of the lunch stand. Corey T is doing the ballgame concessions so is willing to give us a deal on what we want for it.

We will set a date for clean up/set up for Achievement Days after the Commissioners meet and we can get the building done. The next meeting will be June 15 at 6pm.