

The Aurora Co. 4-H Leaders met on October 23, 2023 in the Aurora County Courthouse basement at 7pm with Tina Kieffer, Becky Moore, Tara & Teagan Bush, Randy & Paige Olivier, Jill Harris, and Cheryl Dethlefsen. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dethlefsen. The flag pledges were led by Cheryl. The secretary's report was given by Jill. Cheryl gave the treasurer report in Ashley's absence with \$4790.11 in checking, \$9035.38 in premium, and \$10,326.12 in savings. Tara made a motion to approve the reports with Jill seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Old business: No reports were given by the committees. Tina had information on a fruit fundraiser. Discussion was held on Achievement days. It was suggested to have beef after the swine in the livestock line up. Ach Days needs to be advertised earlier to avoid other events being on the same day. Suggested to put it on the town's webpages. There wasn't a breakdown of the income or expenses.

New business: Clubs were reminded to turn in their financial statements. Registered volunteers and clubs need to sign Civil Rights Assurance Statements. Recognition night was set for November 27th at 7pm. Jeff and Mary Grosidier and Pleasant Lake Vet Clinic were chosen for Friend of 4-H award. 4-H enrollment is open, and all members and volunteers must re-enroll each year.

The South Dakota State Fair is doing a survey for fairgoers about ways to improve their fair experience. Please share this survey with your families. The survey will be open until Oct. 30. You can find the link on the State fair FB page or the Aurora Extension page. There is an updated YLL program sheet and a YLL common questions sheet can be found on the county website. Copies were handed out.

As December quickly approaches, SD 4-H is excited to share that this year our program will have a Christmas tree at the Capitol. They are asking that all counties submit an ornament. To learn more about the requirements, see the handout. Ornaments must be submitted by November 13.

The awards committee discussed what the youth members present had come up with for ideas. Jill and Tara will email Kama and Sue to get together and divide up the businesses in Plankinton for premium collection. If this doesn't work, Tara and Jill will make a list for both clubs to use for next year. This will be done by the next meeting which will be Jan 2 at 6:30pm at the courthouse basement. Meeting adjourned.