

The Aurora Co. 4-H Leaders met on January 2, 2024, in the Aurora County Courthouse basement at 6:30pm with Todd Clark, Ashley Howard, Tina Kieffer, Becky Moore, Tara Bush, Jill Harris, and Cheryl Dethlefsen. The flag pledges were read by Todd Clark. The secretary's report was not read. Ashley gave the treasurer report with \$4661.69 in checking, \$6189.08 in premium, and \$10,337.83 in savings. The bills to pay were \$824.21 which is reimbursement to Cheryl Dethlefsen for awards she ordered. Tara made a motion to pay bills with Jill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old business: Jill reported on the awards and premium committee. She is trying to meet with others in Plankinton and has not been successful. She will try to get something done for next meeting. Discussion was held on the grounds-building committee. The open sheep barn still needs to be supported. The consensus of the group was to get the water and wash rack done next.

Leaders were given a handout of those members that have re-enrolled for the year. Reminded to encourage members to sign up. Aurora County Siders charter/financials is still needed. Election of officers was next on the agenda. The following officers were elected: Todd Clark-President; Becky Moore-Vice President; Jill Harris/Cheryl Dethlefsen-co-secretary; Ashley Howard-treasurer.

New business: A scholarship check was written to Cally Faulhaber for \$250. The only camper that met the requirements for camp assistance was Cally Faulhaber. She will receive a check for \$25. No applications were received for the CWF trip. Capitol day will be January 17th. Registration closed on Jan 1.

Camps for 2024 dates have been set. Families are responsible for registration online when it becomes available. Poinsett (age 8-12) June 3-5 and June 5-7; Poinsett Going beyond (ages 12-14) June 10-12; and Storm Mountain (age 8-12) June 16-19. The statewide community service project is Clover Care Kits: Hygiene supplies wrapped in a towel. They can be given to local food pantries, shelters, etc. Project completion is August 1. Families/clubs need to keep a count and report # donations to the office. Each packet counts as one. Tina gave us handouts of the information.

Handouts were given on the Top Chef information for this year. It will be a Ramen Noodle Challenge and Mise en Place activity. Members are also welcome to take part in the Special Foods project that is outlined in the fair book. This would entitle you to attend the Special Foods contest at the fair.

If a member is planning to show livestock/horse in 2024, they should be watching for approved Livestock Literacy and Horse Literacy events. These will be shared in the weekly newsletter. Livestock Literacy needs to be completed by July 1. Horse Literacy needs to be completed by June 1. The online option for YQCA is still available for Livestock Literacy and costs \$12. The office needs to know what events were attended/completed so it can be marked in 4H online. No other business was discussed. The next meeting will be March 4th at 6:30pm at the Courthouse basement. Meeting adjourned.