

Grant-Adams County Council meeting
December 1st 2008

Before the meeting started Bill West spoke to the group about the maintenance crew being laid off and how he and Peggy are the only two out at the fairgrounds. He talked about how the county commissioners are trying to reroute Airway Drive and there is money left for another covered arena. The commissioners want money events booked over 4-H activities due to the income for the fair. Dawn Clemons asked if the rodeo area was available for the 4-H horses, Bill said as far as he knew.

Open horse riding: \$40 a month, vehicle pass, one day fee \$2.50 for two hours. Open riding is available on Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday from 8 am – 8pm. The arena can be rented out Mon. - Thur. for two hours at \$25.

Diane suggested that we introduce ourselves around the table.

The meeting started at 7:10pm with pledges recited led by Taylor Hunt.

Secretary minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasures report was read by Dick Weitman and is attached to these notes. For some reason our EIN number was not recognized by the IRS, so we had to get a new one.

The ambassador account has monies in it that can be used for teen functions. We need to get our teens involved in the great opportunities that 4-H has to offer them. There is a swine grant of \$337 to be used towards a swine event. Dick spoke about the council's budget, funding, and the responsibilities of the council. There was some discussion on providing more scholarships, activity ships etc. to spend some of the monies.

There was a refund of \$63 for the bracelet that was sold at forum. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Dick asked about KYG expenses. After some discussion a motion was made to set aside up to \$2000 to pay registrations and lodging. If the cost goes about \$2000 the council will have to be consulted.

Diane spoke about Super Saturday on January 21st. Some suggestions were to give door prizes, make the games easier, and perhaps provide a class on the new electronic record book. Diane is looking for people to teach the workshops and ideas for workshops, so if you know of any please let her know. After the costs were discussed there was a motion made to provide \$1200 towards Super Saturday. There was a second and a vote was taken and was carried.

The pen fine from ACF was brought up again and Dick Weitman will make sure that a bill will be sent to the offenders.

Commitment Letter – Diane passed out her idea of what the letter should consist of for members and leaders. Everyone had a chance to speak on any concerns or things they thought should be added. A motion was made to except the letter with the added changes. This would be mandatory for Grant-Adams county clubs the motion was seconded a vote was taken and the motion carried. Diane will get a copy posted to the WSU website on Thursday for leaders to download and give to their clubs.

Ronda Fuhrman and Donna Massey gave a report on State Forum that they attended in October. Donna spoke of some of the workshops that were attended and ideas that were gathered. Grant-Adams County Council needs to offer some kind of leader's workshops.

Donna told about the growth circle exercise and couple of highlights of the auction and dinner. There were several people inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ronda shared about the new electronic record book that is available from Snohomish County. After a lot of discussion there was a motion made to allow Grant-Adams County 4-H members to use the more kid friendly record book. There was second, a vote was taken and the motion passed. Diane will get the information up on the WSU website. We hope to have a workshop at Super Saturday on the record book.

Diane mentioned that there is a man that has dairy heifers available if anyone is looking.

Diane reminded the leaders that she wants to have a leader of the month in each newsletter, so pass on the word to everyone. Suggestions need to be sent to Diane. Diane is looking for Jr. Leaders to help with Super Saturday. There is a gentleman that wants to start up a working dog group. If anyone has any interest let Diane know.

Area 1 report by Jackie Pope, the area is researching how the area should start up again. They sent 4-H publications out to all of the Ephrata Schools to advertise 4-H. They will be meeting in January on the first money at the library in Ephrata.

Area III report by Ronda Fuhrman and Diana Weitman, Area III is currently busy planning the Lion Club Dinner and Auction which is January 21st. Every club is to donate a pie per fifteen members to be used for desert at the dinner. All youth interested in participating at the dinner should call Mary Ellen Warren.

Area 6 report by Mark Weber, they had a meeting to do enrollments and two clubs didn't show. The food booth at the ACF made \$7200. Area 6 meets the first Thursday of the month opposite of C.C.

Area 8 Daryl Hudson- someone should contact.

Dick Weitman announced that 4-H camp will not have Dani this year. Dawn Yearout has committed to being the cook. Diana Weitman has agreed to help out too. Dick suggests that other areas should get involved.

County Council received thank you cards from Sophia Howard and Kayla Yearout for sending them last year to camp-in at the science center in Seattle.

Dawn Clemons said that the discussion on fair contracts is tabled until further information is available.

Diane has been asked to get 4-H leaders on board for centennial year for Grant County.

Mark Weber asked if C.C. would rotate meetings around to different areas this year. There was quite a bit of discussion on the matter and it was decided that Area 6 and Area 3 will host the meetings. They will go back and forth. The next meeting on Feb. 2nd is in Othello at the fairgrounds.

A motion was made, seconded and voted on. The motion carried to gave the meetings back and forth between Area 3 and Area 6.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Everyone had cookies and treats before they left.

Ronda Fuhrman
Secretary