

Grant-Adams County Leaders Council
2/02/09 @ Othello Senior Center
Meeting started at 7:10 pm

Present: Ronda Fuhrman, Taylor Hunt, Leanne Hickman, Pam Schmidt, Lynn Olsen, Cherri Sanders, Dawn Clemons, Diane Russo, Jackie Pope, Shelley Olsen, Jessica Jahns, Ashley Jahns, Mark Weber, Tammie Howes, Samantha Howes, Dillon Massey, Dick & Diana Weitman, Donna Massey, Trisha Tolley, Rosie Dockins and Allen Smith.

Pledges were recited and minutes from meeting on 12/01/08 read. Mark Weber motioned to accept the minutes with corrections made. Pam Schmidt seconded, a vote was taken and the motioned carried.

Treasurer Report by Dick Weitman - Deposit of \$1622 from club enrollments leaving balance in checking of \$910.35. Savings account balance \$2006.05, there will be money moved from savings into checking from this account. The CD is currently \$17,905.39. Dick discussed the funds that were brought in from the silent auction for KYG at Super Saturday. The total is \$278.70 with some still to be collected. There is also \$42 to be deposited to the C.C. funds from the second hand sale at Super Saturday.

Report on Lions Club Dinner and Auction by Ronda Fuhrman - The Lions Club Dinner was a success, \$400 was made on the meals and the auction brought in \$3453 and \$170 in donations were received. The grand total \$4023 brought in from this fundraiser. The cost of the dinner etc. has not yet been calculated, but will be taken care of at their next meeting in March.

KYG – Dick Weitman asked the Council if they were paying the entire amount for the seven people going to KYG or partially pay and leave an expense for the youth to share. Registration \$110 per person, hotel \$270, Friday nights dinner is traditionally paid for by C.C. There is not fuel cost because the County van is being used for transportation. Pam Schmidt motioned to cover all expenses mentioned for KYG. Mark Weber seconded a vote was taken and the motioned carried.

Super Saturday by Dick Weitman – C.C. had to pay the health district for a minimum of twenty people at \$10 a person for the health card class. Only six people participated in the class so C.C. had to pay the \$140 difference. There was discussion of only offering the class every other or every two years in the future. The garden class supplies cost \$41, craft supplies & goodies cost \$423.17, cake class costs \$11.76, fabric transfer class \$120.24 and Dominos pizza cost \$133.49. Diane requested that a thank you be sent to Dominos for their generosity of \$6/pizza. The building rent will be \$60 as in the past and coffee, pop, donuts and cocoa cost \$132. There seemed to be some confusion at the registration table about who lunch tickets should be given, so next year it needs to be done differently. Diane apologized for the volunteer e-learning class not being available, but due to the schools internet access block the class could not be offered. Diane passed out some copies of the e-learning materials to those present at the meeting. Farm Services was represented at Super Saturday to help the youth finance loans. State Ambassadors attended the function to talk a bit about what they do as Ambassadors; they also facilitated some fun games. Totals for Super Saturday and equine Science Saturday 2009; Youth visitors eight new and three returning, 4H members fifty-nine new and fifty-one returning, total youth one hundred and twenty-one, adults thirty and equine nine. The total adults and children including presenters and helpers were 223 people.

Extension Report by Diane Russo – Diane handed out the EM2778 CD to everyone present. There was mention of Pacific Science Center Camp-in, flyers were passed around the room. The Camp-In is March 28th this year and the Weitmans talked a little about the seven kids that they took in 2008 and what a fun time they all had. This is also an opportunity for the teens to be guides for the PSC tour. Barbie Phillips called Diane and is in need of a home for a red healer puppy, if anyone is interested call Diane directly. Jeanne Kiehn has asked the Council if we would like to cover the cost of plywood to make grand and reserve giant ribbons that would be recycled. Othello Fair does this with their market grand and reserve and the kids write their names on the back for posterity. The council discussed it and determined the cost should be researched and then brought back to the council for consideration. Diane reminded everyone that 4H funds are federal monies and any abuse of the funds for personal use is considered a federal offence and punishable by law. Diane asked for suggestions on how to involve 4H in the one hundred year Centennial ceremony on February 24th? It was decided that Diane could decide and let everyone know via the website. Diane explained that the swine money that had been discussed at the last meeting is available to be used for a 4H youth attending a swine production training that is offered in Tri-Cities. Sarah Smith said it will be a great training to attend. WSU applied and was awarded a national grant. The grant is for a club to work with Grant County Risk Management to map out buildings in Moses Lake by using GPS. Diane announced there is a leader's retreat coming up in March. Diane will be using the Donna Bauer funds to pay for the function. She wanted to know what the council thought about a cost to attend or should it be offered for free? After some discussion Mark Weber motioned there should be a \$20 fee per person or \$30 per couple. Jackie Pope seconded a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Area 1 Report by Jackie Pope – Area one leaders met in January, but attendance was low. They have however set a demonstration day in May and will meet again on March 2nd in the Ephrata Library at 7 pm.

Area 3 Report by Ronda Fuhrman – A more detailed discussion on the Lions Club Dinner. Donna Massey spoke about Dillon Massey and Austin Weber to a teen training CTR last weekend. The boys' enjoyed themselves and plan to get more involved with the teen opportunities that are available thru 4H. The next Area 3 meeting is on March 2nd at the Monroe House @ 7 pm.

Area 6 Report by Mark Weber – Area 6 along with local fire fighters sponsored a toy drive for needy families. During the fundraiser Area 6 was approached by Anytime Fitness and asked to help a man by supplying the funds for him to have optical surgery. The man was totally blind in one eye and his other eye wasn't good he used a Seeing Eye dog to get around. Area 6 paid for \$1500 of the optical surgery that was needed and the man no longer needs the dog because he can see out of the one eye. Pam Schmidt said that this has had a phenomenal impact on 4H youth in Othello. To be a part of something so wonderful is an experience of a lifetime. Diane asked that someone from Area 6 write this mans story and submit it to National 4H stories. Area 6 next meeting is March 5th at the Senior Center 7pm.

Washington State Advisory Board Report by Ronda Fuhrman – Ronda currently sits on the board as a SE District representative. She attended a board meeting in Ellensburg in January and was asked to bring back information to the local 4H community. The board has supplied a draft of a letter to the legislators asking for the opportunity to be able to make 4H license plates. The letter asks that the legislator does not support the continuation of a moratorium on plates. These letters were passed out and Ronda will have the letter put onto

the WSU website in addition to being attached to the minutes. Ronda explained that due to the outbreak of MCF at the 2008 State Fair all livestock portions are being revamped to avoid another problem of contamination. Sheep are carriers of the disease and it is fatal to cows and swine. The fair will not accept animals which are transported with sheep in the same trailer. At 2009 fair the sheep will be brought in the last four days of fair after all at risk livestock is gone. Jill Stevenson has put together a bio security animal and QA training available online. 4H numbers were up 19,000 in 2008. The impending budget cuts for WSU were discussed and how the WSU staff had had to come up with scenarios to make the budget work. Worst case, an additional membership fee will be added to the enrollment of 4H members.

Hall of Fame nomination forms can be found at www.4h.wsu.edu. It is a great honor for someone who has devoted their time and sweat to 4H.

The board would also like leaders to remind the youth of the many scholarships that are available thru 4H.

2009 Leaders Forum is in Grand Mound WA. at the Great Wolf Lodge Oct. 16th – 18th. It's going to be lots of fun and you're sure to learn something interesting in the workshops. 2011 Western Regional Forum is in the planning. It is going to be a cruise from Seattle to Alaska in May of 2011.

2009 Teen Conference is June 28th – 30th all leaders need to encourage our youth to attend. Ronda presented the Snohomish record book again. It is a kid friendly version of the original. It is available at <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/4h/4hmembers.html>. Ronda will ask Diane to put it on the WSU website.

As C.C. Secretary Ronda has an attendance chart to keep track of the clubs that have observed the rule of a leader attending at least three meetings a year. Those clubs that are failing to comply will be contacted and reminded of the requirement. This will be discussed further at the April 6th meeting.

Change to bank accounts, Dick Weitman – Dick is updating the bank accounts and Darla Boothman needs to be removed from the checking account. To replace her Donna Massey will be added to the account as a signee. Pam Schmidt motioned to make the changes of removing Darla and adding Donna. Mark Weber seconded a vote was taken and carried. Dick will take care of this matter with the bank. He will need a copy of the minutes from this meeting. Ronda will email a copy ASAP.

4H Camp, Weitmans – Camp is June 21st – 25th this year in Goldendale WA. as in the past. Dawn Yearout has committed to being the cook with the assistance of Donna Massey. Darla Boothman and her husband are committed to helping this year as much as needed. Dee Dee Davis is also on board to help. Dani will continue to help plan camp until the 20th of April when she leaves for Alaska. Dawn will take over at that point, but new adults are needed to volunteer to help at camp. Leaders need to get the word out that help is needed! Contact Dani if able to help out.

Motion to adjourn 9:00 Leanne Hickman motioned to adjourn and Trisha Tolley seconded and the meeting was adjourned

Attention 4-H leaders,

The Washington State 4-H Advisory Board is asking that you please circulate this letter to all 4-H families so that they can inform their legislature of this issue.

1. The license plate would allow 4-H to self generate operational dollars without any negative impact to the residents of Washington.
2. 4-H pays all of the up-front costs of license plate production without any negative impacts upon state funds.
3. 4-H has the potential to raise \$250,000 annually without raising tax monies.
4. A 4-H license plate would reduce the need to implement a statewide 4-H membership fee.

Please see sample letter on next page.

Dear Senator/Representative (Personalize),

As you are aware the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program reaches over 75,000 young people annually with essential life skill education. The heart of this great 4-H work across all of our cities and rural areas are the 4-H volunteers who give thousands of service annually working directly with young people to help them grow into productive citizens.

While volunteers do indispensable service, they cannot do it alone. We need financial support for our great programs to continue to reach all of Washington's young people. How can you help us? We are asking you to support the creation of a 4-H vehicle license plate. In 2008, 4-H was on the cusp of submitting their license plate application to the State Licensing Board when the Washington State Legislature extended the license plate moratorium. We urgently request that you do not support any future license plate moratoriums.

We are not asking for a handout or an increase in taxes on our behalf. Rather we are requesting that you allow us a vital methodology to support quality 4-H youth programs all across Washington.

Thank you,