

LEWIS AND CLARK 4-H FOUNDATION MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2021

Extension Office

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Karyn Hamilton at 5:32 a.m.

Attending the meeting were Janet Cerovski, Karyn Hamilton, Beverly Schneider, Zoe Schneider, Michelle Eckhart, Kara Tangedal, and Lisa DeWitt. Virtually attending were Kathryn Dunkelberger and Henley Sexton.

Beverly Schneider moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as written. Janet Cerovski seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

Janet Cerovski presented the Treasurer's report. The ending balance for the Foundation checking account was \$45,686.04, which *includes* \$9,185 set aside for the Brian Wacker Scholarship, \$5,907.50 set aside for the Bill Hamilton Building, and \$10.49 set aside for True Leaders in Equity. Janet also provided the 2020 ending balance for the Managed Agency Account with the MT 4-H Foundation - \$126,959.33. Janet noted that there have been no Lewis and Clark Foundation deposits to that account since 2018. As part of the Treasurer's report, Janet provided as information the list of donations received to date, which included in kind donations from Anderson-Zurmuehlen, Action Fire Extinguishers, and Pate Auction. Beverly Schneider moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Michelle Eckhart seconded this motion, which passed unanimously.

Michelle Eckhart presented a report from the last 4-H Council meeting. She reported that the theme for the Fair will be "No Place Like 4-H", and that the entry fee was increased to a \$25 flat fee for all entrants. She said that there was good representation from the clubs in voting for both the theme and the fee increase. The next council meeting will be next week.

Kara Tangedal, Extension Agent, reported that she is finishing edits to exhibitor's handbook for the Fair. Kara noted that Guy Rainville did some updates to the BHB – looks really good. He will be asking the building committee (Janet, David, and Karyn) for additional funding for baseboards. Karyn Hamilton brought up the topic of protocol, and the path that such requests should take: they should first go to the Building Committee (consisting of Karyn Hamilton, David Hamilton, and Janet Cerovski), then to the 4-H Council, then to the Foundation if funding is needed. Kara asked if the request she made counts as asking the building committee, since both Janet and Karyn were there constituting a majority. Janet and Karyn agreed that Kara's request would constitute both bringing it to the Building Committee and to the Foundation. Lisa DeWitt noted that the Foundation should consider, in next years' budget, a line item (separate from Council requests) for maintenance of the Bill Hamilton Building. Lisa DeWitt also volunteered to be part of the Building Committee.

Zoe Schneider reported for the 4-H Youth. 95 backpacks were assembled for the True Leaders in Equity Project and distributed. The youth then assembled an additional 105 – so put together a total of 200 backpacks. This project received media coverage, and it looks like they are going make their 500 goal easily. There is additional fabric available for more blankets to be tied. Also, Zoe reported that the Helena Quilter's Guild donated quilts that could be included in the backpacks. In the club contest for making blankets, the Big Sky club made the most (44) and won the pizza party prize.

Janet reported that money is still coming in from the facemask fundraiser, and this will be reported on again in the April meeting.

Karyn Hamilton reported on the BHB sign. David Hamilton talked to Ryan Rouns who is working on the signs for the building, both front and back. It was reported that the cost will be approximately \$600 to \$800 for each sign.

A scholarship review committee will be established at the April meeting to review any applications received on or before the April 1 deadline.

Giving Tuesday – (Greater Helena Gives) was discussed as something to look at in 2021-2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Lisa DeWitt, Secretary