

LEWIS AND CLARK 4-H FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUTES, MAY 16, 2021

4:00 p.m., Fairgrounds

Attendees: Luke Duran, Lindsay Volpe, Mickelle Eckhart, Joe Munis, Janet Cerovski, Lisa DeWitt

The meeting was called to order by president, Joe Munis, at 4:12 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Janet Cerovski moved to approve the minutes as written; Joe Munis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Janet Cerovski presented the Treasurer's Report. Reporting on income to date from the face mask fundraiser, only about \$2700 has been turned in so far. Follow-up will be needed to get all collected money turned in, and to determine the final count on sales. With the lifting of the facemask mandate, it is unlikely that more will be sold at this point. Janet reported that she is working to get 20 window clings for donors to display; the cost for this is approximately \$510. The next expenses to be incurred will be signs, but there should not be too many. General discussion was held on the donations received from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield volunteer programs and what programs each donation was directed to.

Thank you notes will be prepared for Canyon Creek Stock's recent donation and sent to each family in Canyon Creek Stock's club.

Michelle Eckhart reported on the recent 4-H Council meetings. There have been 2 Council meetings since the last Foundation meeting. All animals have been tagged. All kids need to get record books turned in. The Livestock Sale lunch at the Fair will be in picnic shelter and will be catered. The Youth Council came up with marketing idea – whoever they visit with for marketing 4-H signs a "ticket" which gets turned in for a drawing for prizes for the kids (marketing incentive). Senior night recognition has been turned back to the kids to see what they would be interested in for Senior recognition. The indoor auction will be at 3:00 on 31st. Next Council meeting is on June 9.

Discussion was held regarding the recent resignation of 4-H Extension Agent, Kara Tangedal, and how the Foundation could provide a thank you for all the work she has done. With all the volunteerism, the Fair should be business as usual. The county is expecting double if not triple the attendance, anticipating a busy fair. It will likely be December before a new agent will be in place.

Luke Duran offered thanks and gratitude for help provided to Cade throughout the 4-H year, help with funds for big ticket items, and help with the service project with backpacks. Cade will cap off his 4-H experience as he is on national conference planning board to plan congress, and may work at 4-H extension office while in college. Luke then reported that his club added \$800 to the Foundation in face mask sales.

Luke reported on the plans for 4-H camp this year. With Kara moving on, Luke is taking on the leadership role for camp. Major changes have been made this year. Camp counsellors have come up with an alternate plan for camp this year: 3 separate day camps in the county. The first will be June 17 – and give as much camp experience as possible. Counsellors will have a sleepover the night before in the fairgrounds building. Camp will have an International Theme, and will include an "amazing race" around the fairgrounds – then the campers will be bussed to Spring Meadow Lake park for the afternoon for

workshops and clinics, then bus back for dinner. Sodexo will provide lunch, and then cater dinner. Overall – camp will cost a lot less. It will be a long day – 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The July 22 camp will be similar and may include a field trip the week before the fair. August 5-6 will be overnight in the fairgrounds building. At one day-camp, (July or August) they are considering opening it up to non-4-Hers, as an introduction to 4-H and projects. Almost a pre-open house – as a means of recruitment. Invite a friend perhaps. The number of kids is uncertain, and have lost 8 counsellors in the last week. Thinking since local might get more? Local camp will be \$30 per day. Overnight camp will be \$40. Previous camps had 60 kids plus 20 counsellors. All want to get back to a more traditional camp next year.

The camp counsellors kids want to buy some materials – like passports, materials for games. Council budgeted \$5000, and there would also be fund from Canyon Creek's donation. Foundation suggested that Luke first work with the Council reimbursement.

Regarding Youth Council, David Hamilton and Denise Harris will step up to work with the kids. Kara may have left the \$\$ information for cups and where she was looking to buy them from. Luke Duran offered to assist in sourcing and ordering this.

Janet Cerovski presented the Scholarship Committee report. Greta and Rebecca Wacker both assisted in reviewing applications, particularly for the Wacker Scholarship. All recipients have received their letters for all scholarships. Janet suggested that the Foundation consider increasing the scholarship amounts.

Joe Munis reported that a Fishing Derby is still planned, but it is too early now. Cost will only be \$25, and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks have been contacted. Luke Duran offered to help with promotions, posters, banner, etc.

Next meeting will be in June to talk about volunteer appreciation at Fair – third Sunday is the 20th. 4:00.

Lisa DeWitt, Secretary