

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation
April 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes
Extension Office, 5:30 p.m.

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Emily Scruggs, Karyn Hamilton, Erin Weisgerber, Janet Cerovski, Lisa DeWitt, Trish Williams, Bev Schneider

\$4500 in tent sponsorship \$\$

Possible dance in Jessica Hamilton's facility – Jessica would donate the facility. On the 14th there is a dance in the BHB – Big Sky 4-H is sponsoring. (BMI/ASCAP licensing?)(if you play music for others, you need to have ASCAP licensing).

Next time – Luke Duran to give a presentation – the one he put together for an engineering group

The minutes of the previous (March) meeting were declared accepted as printed/written.

The treasurer's report was presented by Janet Cerovski. Janet reported that in 2022-2023, the Foundation raised approximately \$20,800 through sponsorship letters, quilt raffle, and AmazonSmile. Foundation expenses upcoming include the following: \$5,000 to the Council, \$3,000 for scholarships, \$1,000 for tent contribution, \$1,300 for signs and clings, \$420 for Quickbooks subscription, \$1,000 for an accountant. The Foundation's ending checking balance for April is \$76,742.17, with available funds in the amount of \$62,161.76.

Discussion ensued regarding procuring an accountant for the coming year, since Marilyn Dusenberry has retired. It was reported that Pinyon would charge approximately \$2,000; a subscription to TechSoup could be pursued and the Foundation would be eligible to have online Quickbooks version through them for \$75 per year plus a \$375 migration fee. This would allow 5 users (treasurers and accountant). Janet Cerovski moved that the Foundation subscribe to Quickbooks online through TechSoup at a cost of 75 per year for the Quickbooks license plus \$375 migration fee, and engage Amy Slusser as our accountant for the 990 Tax Form and help with Quickbooks if needed, at a fee of \$50.00 per hour. Bev Schneider seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Janet also provided a report on the investment account. The account lost money over the last year, and the management fee went from .5% to 1%; the fee is taken in December of each year. The account was opened in 2015 with \$25,000; \$25,000 was deposited in 2016 and \$50,000 was deposited in 2018. The current balance is \$137,183.37.

Karyn Hamilton reported that additional funds are still needed to fund the tent for the Fair. Bev Schneider moved that the Foundation send letter to the Friends of 4-H mailing list from the previous year, requesting monetary donations to aid in supporting the tent rental for the fair.

Michelle Eckhart was absent from the meeting, so there was no Council report.

Luke Duran was absent from the meeting, so there was no report on the Website. Janet Cerovski noted that a few donations have come in through the PayPal link on the website.

Discussion of the By-Laws was again tabled until a later meeting over the summer.

The next meeting will be on May 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office. The main purpose of the meeting will be to review scholarship applications and select awardees.

Topics to be discussed in upcoming meetings:

- Revisions to By-Laws of the Foundation
- Potential “round up” campaigns
- Potential capital projects for fundraising
- New ways of advertising the 4-H programs in the county and the Foundation, noting that the Fairbook is now primarily available online and that there are limited printed versions of the Helena Independent Record.
- Sponsorship planning

Secretary Lisa DeWitt