

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023, Meeting
Bill Hamilton Building - 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Bev Schneider, Michelle Eckhart, Luke Duran, Janet Cerovski, Erin Weisgerber, Lisa DeWitt, Joe Munis

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Karyn Hamilton moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written. Bev Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Janet Cerovski reported that there was little change to the report from last month. The switch to using QuickBooks through Tech Soup went well. Murdoch's provided \$1500 from summer roundup event. 20 clings are done for sponsors and ready to be distributed. Signs Now also made small ones (27) that can be used as needed.

Karyn Hamilton reported that the Livestock Committee has in hand \$6,000 of the approximate \$14,000 needed for renting tents to be used at the Fair. Lisa DeWitt read the letter drafted to be send to "4-H Alumni" requesting donations to support the tent rental. No comments were received from the board members. Lisa will work with Janet Cerovski to get the letters printed and mailed.

Karyn Hamilton reported that the Square Dancers silent auction yielded \$489 this year. This amount is to be donated back to 4-H and Karyn would like to earmark this amount to the purchase of a floor cleaner for the building. Floor cleaners generally cost approximately \$1,500. Janet Cerovski noted that there was a rebid from last year that was earmarked for \$2,800. The Council's Building Committee can determine the appropriate cleaner to purchase and can approach the Foundation later if additional funding is needed.

Council Report. Michelle Eckhart presented the Council report. New chairs and tables for the Bill Hamilton Building have been purchased by Extension. In the last month, Stir Ups and the Sewing Revue both took place, and the Big Sky Club held a barn dance for 4-H Youth. Communication Day will be held next month. The next council meeting will be held in Augusta.

Luke Duran promoted a Dora Lindner fundraiser to be held on May 13 at St. John's Lutheran church. This will be an ice cream social and mini camp for younger kids; all funds will go towards 4-H Camp. Camp registration is now open for this year, with a limit of 50 kids, based on camp space.

Review Scholarship Applications. All scholarship applications were reviewed. Colter Petre and Natalya Roushan were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The next Foundation meeting will be held on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Hamilton Building.

Topics to be discussed in upcoming meetings:

- Revisions to By-Laws of the Foundation
- Sponsorship planning (June)
- 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.
- View Luke's presentation on 4-H – part history, part what our county does at all levels, how you can support 4-H
- Obtaining testimonials for 4-H members for 4-H promotions and the Foundation website, or that teen members could read on radio spots
- QR codes added to clings next year to direct to website.
- Camper assistance
- Thank you for financial contribution from John Morrison

Lisa DeWitt, Secretary