

**Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation**  
**March 6, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Michelle Eckhart, Karyn Hamilton, Janet Cerovski, Joe Munis, Molly LaChere, Lisa DeWitt

(JoEllen has fair steering committee on Wednesdays, so won't be able to attend Foundation meetings if they are on Wednesdays)

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed; the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Janet Cerovski moved that the minutes be approved as written. Michelle Eckhart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Janet Cerovski presented the treasurer's report. The ending balance in the checking account was \$84,731.59, with available (uncommitted) funds of \$74,564.23. Janet reported that the sponsorships received to date total approximately \$10,476. Lexi has a list available on Google docs to identify the current sponsors. Janet noted that Camp had money left over from last year; these funds (\$3451.52) were moved to Foundation to hold and are tracked under the service project line item. So far this year, there have been four "restaurant" fundraisers, bringing in \$1,503.24. Janet reported that expenses included the funds for the gun safe, the money collected for Dora Lindner scholarship which was moved to the state foundation, and postcard/postage fees. Upcoming expenses will include \$75 to TechSoup due in April for QuickBooks, expenses for clings for sponsors, and money for scholarships.

Janet Cerovski reported that she registered the Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation with Greater Helena Gives, which takes place May 1 and 2, 2024. There is a \$100 fee for this registration. Janet moved that the Foundation pay the \$100 registration fee to Greater Helena Givers. Karyn Hamilton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Karyn Hamilton and Michelle Eckhart reported on the Fundraising Committee. The meeting was reported as successful. Topics of discussion included ideas on how to increase participation across the county, needs for fundraising, using fundraising to develop a sense of community, and roles and responsibilities of Council and Foundation. This will be a continuing conversation. Items on the committee's fundraising wish list included the following: tents for the fair, a lean to and concrete on the north side of the Bill Hamilton Building, an awning between the BHB and the Multipurpose building, an awning out the front of the Multipurpose building, tools for the gardening project, outdoor maps, robotics equipment (1 robot from Lego is \$400). monetary help with Awards Night (spring awards) and senior recognition night and fall awards night, youth council for fair activities, and building improvements such as sealing the floor and adding a vinyl logo (after fair).

Joe Munis reported on the conversations with Speedy Glass. The donor has approval for a \$1,000 donation and wants to know where the money can be best utilized the best. Once that is determined, the the main manager will come down and introduce himself to the Foundation Board.

Joe Munis reported that the request from Stella Duran to support her upcoming 4-H trip was approved via email in the amount of \$1000.

We still need one community member to fill the open Director's position.

Discussion of the revision to the By Laws was deferred to the March meeting, when Joe Munis will have Bev Schneider attend and discuss the proposed revisions.

Karyn Hamilton reported that a Conex container is being purchased for use in storing the shooting sports program's 3D targets, which are currently located at a 4-H leader's house. She reported that David Hamilton has discussed this with the Fair board, and a location on the west end of the Bill Hamilton Building has been approved. Karyn moved that the Foundation pay up to \$5000 to Helena Container for a Conex container to store the shooting sports equipment in (the cost includes moving). Michelle Eckhart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Karyn Hamilton reported on the upgrades being planned for the Bill Hamilton Building. One 12 ft fan is planned for the pig barn side of the Bill Hamilton Building, and one 7 ft fan on the indoor side. High Point Electric and Wire and Electric are donating labor. Lighting in the building will also be upgraded. All the lights on the pig side should all count for \$140 rebate (\$\$ coming back). Indoor side will get LED bulbs and put on light switches. Extra lights will be added to the pig side (more than what is already there).

The total for 2 fans and lights and bulbs is \$13,000. With \$140 rebate, the lights end up at about \$35 each (approximately 10 lights) and a small rebate on the fluorescent to LED lights. All labor will be donated. Timeframe – 30 to 60 days. (60 to 80 bulbs, and changing out the lights in the bathrooms). The Livestock Committee will fund installation of windows in the scalehouse and in the outside door. Canyon Creek Stock has reported that they will pay for the large (12 ft) fan. Karyn Hamilton moved that the Foundation pay for one 7 ft fan and the bulbs, and switches for the indoor side of the BHB, and the lights, bulbs and switches for the pig barn side of the building, in an amount of up to \$8,000. Janet Cerovski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be April 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bill Hamilton Building.

Lisa DeWitt, Foundation secretary