

**LEWIS AND CLARK 4-H FOUNDATION MEETING
MAY 1, 2024, 5:30 PM BILL HAMILTON BUILDING**

In attendance: Bev Schneider, Zoe Schneider, Molly LaChere, Janet Cerovski, Lisa DeWitt, Joe Munis, Jenne Caudle, Karyn Hamilton, Michelle Eckhart, Danyel Bauer, Luke Duran

Karyn Hamilton moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Michelle Eckhardt seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Janet Cerovski presented the Treasurer's report. Currently, approximately \$12,580 has been raised from sponsors, which is about \$7,000 less than what was seen at the same time last year. The "Restaurant fundraising" has brought in \$2,439, which Council has requested go towards paying for the tent for the fair. The \$180 remaining from the True Leaders in Equity project was made available for the teen leaders to use for the Spring Bling event. The current checking account balance is \$81,842. Upcoming expenses will include \$4,500 for scholarship awards, and the cost for signs and clings for sponsors.

Molly LaChere provided the Council Report and noted many important dates coming up for the 4-H youth. May 1 is drop/add day. Molly reported that the Canyon Creek club contributed \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of fans in the Bill Hamilton Building, as well as \$2,000 for the purchase of additional panels. A contribution of \$1,000 was also received from the Montana City Mavericks. New paper towel rolls have been installed in the Bill Hamilton Building, but a new door is also needed. The last Council meeting included much discussion about fundraising as it relates to the program, to tents for the fair, and to long term needs. The next Council meeting will be held on May 8 in Augusta.

Foundation received a request for financial assistance for 4-H Camp fees. The fee this year is \$200. Janet Cerovski moved to contribute the requested \$200 to support the member's attendance at camp; Molly LaChere seconded the motion which passed with one abstained vote.

Bev Schneider provided an overview of the updates proposed for the Foundation By-Laws, and had several questions regarding how the Foundation is actually functioning. After much discussion, a committee consisting of Danyel Bauer, Michelle Eckhardt, and Bev Schneider was established to review the proposed updates and to include revisions to modify language to represent the current functioning of the Foundation and its relationship to Council.

Scholarship applications were reviewed by Board Directors not having a conflict of interest with the applicants. The following applicants were selected to each receive a \$1,500 scholarship from the Foundation: Kelleigh McKay, Zoe Schneider, and Phil Patten.

The next meeting of the Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation will be held at the Bill Hamilton Building at 5:30 p.m. on June 5, 2024.