

Park County 4-H Council Meeting
February 19, 2019
Grizzly Room , Library, Cody, Wyoming

Board of Directors present:

President: Travis Mahling
Vice President: Angie Erickson (ZOOM)
Secretary: Keri Pittman
Treasurer: Heather Morrison
Cody Member at Large: Tiger McNeil
Powell Member at Large: Rachel Vardiman (ZOOM)
Meeteetse Member at Large: Mary Reed
Youth Representatives: Adriel Pittman
4-H Educator: Tycee Mohler

General Membership Present: Brian Pittman; Allison and Katy Morrison (Off The Grid club); Audra Jewel(ZOOM), and Chandra LaFrentz (ZOOM)

President Travis Mahling called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

American and 4-H pledges were recited

Intros/Icebreaker: introductions made with where from and ZOOM was used as the ice breaker

The minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting were read and accepted; Heather motioned for approval, seconded by Adriel; passed as reported

Correspondence: Thank you note from Calvin Erickson for his Honors Club jacket

Funds Request:

- Presentation was given by Audra:
Request made by the Park County Fair Advisory Committee
Reasons being the goat project is growing fast, pens are unsafe, and last years band-aid fix was unacceptable.
Cost of materials has increased to overall cost of \$32,145; Concrete+\$9.000;
Electricity+\$1500-\$2500; Panels+\$6000.
Completion goal is the 2019 fair
Advisory Board will also be reaching out to FFA groups; foundation will have a fundraiser
Traditional grants not workable due to timing—grants looked at in June with work needing completed by July
- Tate Barhaug::
Tycee has received an email request from Tate Barhaug; as a state youth representative he has one last duty this year, a trip to Washington. More information coming once Tate emails

Tycee with the required information for council's consideration. Updated from meeting. Tate requested a total of \$350.00 in order to complete his representation of Park County as a State Youth Leader. Via email communication, Heather motioned to approve Tate's request, Mary posted the second, motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report:

- Presented by Heather with a big thank you to Tycee for printing.
 - January 1, 2019 beginning balance of \$29,951.31 with ending balance January 31, 2019 of \$29,324.99
 - Areas of proposed expenditures that is leaving additional funding are state shoot, state fair, and showcase showdown. These extra funds could be used elsewhere.
 - All of funds for judging were used due to the complications with dog judges
 - The increase in workshops this year paid out of programming
 - Request to have Rachael review treasurers books for the 2017-2018 year. Rachael agreed and will get with Tycee.
 - Funds from community donations and youth dues total \$10,000
 - Explanation of the how the liability account and the endowment account work was given by Tycee
 - Income in liability about \$2000; usually just used for state funds.
- Tiger moved to accept the treasurers report; seconded by Mary; passed as reported

Club Reports:

- Off the Grid club report given by Allison and Katy Morrison. Topics covered included upcoming events, community service opportunities; WYLE, upcoming classes, club has 3 new members, working with Tycee to secure pen pals from 4-H youth in different states, and sending a representative to camp counselor training
- Cody Sharp Shooters club report given by Adriel Pittman. First meeting was February 18, 2018. A total of 14 shooters with 9 of those being new to the club. Club will meet every Monday at 5:00 PM (with the exception of 2/25). Club is going to utilize the "Remind" app.
 - Tiger expanded report by asking for help to get the word out that the Cody Claybusters Scholastic Program will host 2 events in May and one big event in June where food booths/trucks would be welcome. Possible idea of finding a food truck that would donate 10% back to the 4-H program. Tycee going to help supply numbers of possibilities plus she will include the info in the upcoming newsletter to see if there is a club willing to serve meals.

Open Issues:

- Portfolios---- guide given to new members at new member orientation, had a total of 33 including family members. Guides will also be included on website starting in March. Guides were developed after reviewing areas of most missed areas during judging. Leave on as an open issue and discuss as needed

- Big Event --- possible date being March 29 when the state office will be here to do trainings for new members, youth leadership and leaders.

A second possibility would be combining The Big Event with Stone Soup and Sourdough in October around the 9th. Consensus to leave as an open issues to be discussed at next meeting. Possibility of having a committee plan

- Workshops --- in Powell at Maker Space are available through October. Time moved to 3:00 PM so Cody youth can attend also.

- Junior Leaders --- Having a difficult time getting youth interested. Possible idea is to drop age limit requirement in order to encourage younger ages that are interested. Possible idea of adding a booth during the state training in March

- Membership --- Half of all families are reenrolled at this time; 45 new families

- Club Visits --- Has not been implemented. Tycee has done some club visits and given an overview of 4-H. Idea of issuing personal invitations to leaders and club council members on a rotating schedule. Need a calendar worked ahead so dates can be included with each invite. Find a way to highlight club and give it a purpose. Heather willing to work on.

- Loan Program is ready to launch; information will go out in March newsletter. Tycee will bring up at upcoming workshop

New Business:

- Meeting date set for Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:30 PM. Location to be determined. Consensus that meetings need to be monthly for a while yet due to so many opportunities needing checked on and decided.

- Plan of Action --- establishing a historian/communications/technology person a great idea; Chandra nominated, Heather moved to have Chandra serve as the all in one person, Tiger seconded, all approved, motion carried.

- List of ideas for committees include the Loan Program; Scholarships; Big Event; Educational Workshops; Achievement Night. Tycee reported that scholarships are due May (corrected by email) and as of yet there have been no applications sent in. Mary suggested that high school counselors be made aware of the scholarship opportunity.

- Committees proposed to have a council member chair the committee for guidance. Plan is to use Monday Message, Newsletter, and Invitations to form committees. Personal invites from council member also a good idea. Will leave on Open Issues for more discussion.

- Committee needed now is for the Loan Program. Travis will chair committee. Names of interested adults were given. Packets were to be available for Swine workshop held Feb. 20, 2019.

Funds Requests:

- Holding off on donation commitment to Fair Advisory Board until they have looked at some other options for donations plus a closer look at their bids. Audra can come back with new information. Travis will visit with FFA about donation to Advisory Board also. Tycee will email info from Tate once she receives it.

- Proposed with the extra funds not utilized by state shoot, state fair and showcase showdown that the Scholarship and Funds Request monies be increased. The motion to increase the scholarship fund by \$3300 and the funds request fund be increased by \$3000 was made by Tiger; Mary seconded; all approved, motion passed.

- Suburban has been approved, must go to bid process. Requesting a tow package and 4 wheel drive. Price to be within the \$49,000-\$51,000 range.

Tiger moved to adjourn the meeting, Heather seconded. All approved, meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM