

4-H Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2023

Attendance: Maddox Johnson, Jessica Tharp, Cindy Lentsch, Amber Armajo, Michelle Hamilton, Janet Benson, Erica Reasoner

Cindy called the meeting to order and read the minutes from the previous meeting. Jess moved, Michelle seconded to approve the minutes as read, and the motion passed.

Janet read the Treasurer's Report and noted there were no new bills. She handed out a packet that recorded \$24,689.19 as the total balance and said the council is sitting well financially. Michelle moved, Jess seconded to approve the report as read, and the motion carried.

Maddox reported for the Renegades Club that they donated \$250 for fair awards and the group helped with necessities for the food bank and the Images of Love fundraiser the previous month. His club has discussed putting together gift baskets for buyers to support local people and businesses that support them, which the council agreed was a great idea.

Erica reported for South Flat that they recently made bird feeders to gift to people so they can enjoy local birds, and the group also provided gifts for local teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Cindy reported that the Road Runners club recently made donations to Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization, and the club's upcoming service projects include helping with the Fur Ball to benefit the humane society and the 4-H Carnival at the end of April.

In other business, Janet said she would like to offer a class on tortilla making on April 10th at 10 am in hopes that kids can participate on their day off from school. Cindy also noted that shotgun and .22 shooters have held their safety meetings.

Amber reported that she'd like to encourage anyone to attend the Fair Board meetings and that the Egg Your Yard fundraiser had sold the same amount of eggs as last year and that Pizza Hut was donating coupons this year. She also noted that Becky Davis is retiring as the H Diamond W representative. Jess moved that Erica replace her, if willing, and Janet seconded the motion. The motion carried. Amber said they are considering using grant funds to purchase a freeze dryer for the extension office to be used for varying educational purposes. It can also be used to help kids in their entrepreneurial ventures, and members from the community garden could also benefit from it. It would be a grant from the Wyoming Hunger Initiative. The council voiced their support for the idea.

In other updates, Amber also said she will check with Amy to see if she is willing to run the food booth at fair again. Shooting sports have started, and she's looking into getting sheep

and goat clinics lined up for June. Liz Voss will be offering a goat clinic on April 11. She may also try a pig clinic. Nutrition and quality assurance classes have started, and she reminded the group about Purple up Day and to take pictures. She will also be coordinating record book classes for new members in April and May to help them get started, and she has put out the idea of a produce judging clinic for youth to help them get involved with that aspect of judging. She said the junior leaders who attended the retreat last month can present their experiences to the council at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.