

The Carter County 4-H Council met Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Wagon Wheel Café in Ekalaka. Those present were Mikel Fruit, Sharon K. Schwartz, Gail Brence, Ellen Beach, Leroy Schallenberger, Thebea Thomas, Noralla Thomas, Sharon Higgins, Cynde Cole, Virginia Rychner, and Sandy Butler-Hildreth. The pledges were said and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were approved with a motion by Gail and a second by Thebea.

Thank-you notes were read from Dylan Mulkey, Bailey Fruit, and one unidentified. (There were others received that were not read at this meeting – Ellen Guyer, Greg Brence, Cody Cole, and Emma Guyer).

Sharon Higgins read thank-you notes from calendar recipients – Cara Willson, Brown's Custom Feeds, and asked the secretary to send thank-you cards to Brown's and Gina and Randy Rathie for their donations. The treasurer's report was \$4,824.05.

Sharon Schwartz presented the extension report. She reported the youth enrollment of 2009 as 23 males and 23 females with 16 female and 7 male leaders in Carter County. She explained the new process of volunteer screening and certification that will cost \$12.00 per leader. Sharon will hold the class on November 17, 2009 at the Carter County Courthouse. Sharon Higgins moved that the council pay for this one-time cost of \$12.00 for the current leaders and those who may join in the future. Gail Brence seconded. Mikel called for the vote and all were in favor.

Old business was the silent auction. There were only three participants this year. Suggestions for improvement included an article in the Eagle, a sign to advertise in the fair hall, and maybe a change in location. There was also a suggestion that each member could be sent a personal letter with information about the auction.

The changes for the fair book included quilting and photography to date and the council decided to look at the projects with the new material and then address further changes that may be necessary.

New business began with a discussion of the market sale account. Questions addressed included when checks could be issued, how soon the members could expect to receive them and then when should the accounting records for the sale be complete? Sometimes there is a definite delay in the money getting to the clerk as some comes from offices in other states. There was discussion on this and then Sandy moved that the executive council meet and set the job description for the clerk of the livestock sale. This will include deciding the date of the sales checks and how long they should be held. Thebea seconded. The council voted in favor of the motion.

Ellen and Leroy discussed the fair with the council reviewing this past year's events and how everything went. There was discussion on how poorly the situation with Horizon Implement was handled at the fair. Gail had written a note from the council thanking them for the donation so that they were reassured that the council appreciated their support of the program in Carter County.

Dates were discussed for the 4-H Fun Day and Achievement Night. It was decided to hold it on November 20, 2009.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynde S. Cole