

The meeting was called to order by President Roddy Rost at 7:10 PM. Those in attendance included: Roddy Rost, Faye Koenig, Norton, Jalyn and Lexyn Walker, Willie and Tiffany Benner, Tom and Carol Sparks, Jolinda Allerdings, Wanda Pinnow, Gary, Cindy and Carleigh Irgens, Mark Kirschten, Mike Kirschten, Julie Post, Nicole and Quentin Wheeler, LaTonne Reetz, and Sharon Schwartz.

Pledges were led by Lexyn and Jalyn Walker. Carol Sparks was appointed secretary to complete the secretary's term. Carol read the minutes prepared by Faye Koenig from the last meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected. Communications received included a thank you from the State Horse Show for the financial contribution from the council.

Tom Sparks, treasurer, presented the financial report for the end of the fiscal year. There is still one check not in from the livestock sale and currently one member's sale money is still being held. Hopefully this will be resolved in the next ten days. Tom pointed out that if enough base money was in the livestock account, this situation would not happen. He also went over the proposed budget for next year. There was one mathematical correction. Norton moved to accept the proposed budget and Mike Kirschten seconded; motion passed. (see attached budget).

Sharon gave the Extension update. A discussion was held about the new leader certification and subsequent screening that all must go through. Wanda moved and Mike Kirschten seconded that the council pay the \$12.00 fee. The motion was amended to include the words "for all present and future leaders". Motion as amended passed. Sharon will give mandatory leader's training to all county 4-H leaders. It will take approximately 1 -1 ½ hours. The first ones will be held on November 18 at 1:00 PM and again that day at 5:15 PM. Subsequent sessions will be held as needed. Window display winners were Red Butte Ramblers first and Country Cousins second. Sharon presented the tally sheet for enrollment in Fallon County 4-H for last year. Fallon County had 85 members in 2009. (See attached sheet) Lastly Sharon brought up the idea of giving the livestock judges a food coupon for the food booth on the day they are judging at the fair. Some days become very long and someone else retrieves food for the judge. It is hard then to ask the judge to pay for the meal. The subject was tabled until the January council meeting and put under the advisement of the Food Booth Committee.

Under committee reports, Mark Kirschten read the minutes of the livestock committee. New officers elected were Mark Kirschten, president; Norton Walker, vice-president; and Nicole Wheeler, secretary. Wanda presented a proposal to change some of the livestock judging times at the fair for next year (see attached sheet). We are to visit with our club members and others prior to the next council meeting. This will be decided for sure in January. Jolinda gave the food booth report (see attached sheet). Income for the booth was \$1360 compared with \$2500 last year. Several reasons were given and discussed. Tom Sparks, as Montana 4-H Foundation representative, reported that he attended the meeting on campus during Congress and that the Foundation has a new director who is ambitious in fundraising endeavors. Fall livestock judging was hosted by Country Cousins with about 25 attendees.

Old Business was the appointing of Carol Sparks to fill the secretary's term for the next year.

New business began with the announcement that District 8 Leader's Meeting will be held in Miles City on November 8 at 12:30 PM. Clubs and members and leaders signed up for county events and committees. We are still lacking a host club for the fashion revue/quilt show. It is Fallon County's turn to host this year for the two counties. Jolinda gave a report and showed photos from the State Leaders Forum that she attended July 26, 2009 in Sidney. Carol presented a proposal for introducing a silent auction at the fair for members with indoor projects and entries. It is to be decided on at the January council meeting after each club has a chance to discuss it. (see attached proposal)

Election of officers was held. Elected for a two-year term as vice-president was Willie Benner. (no other nominee) Elected for a two year term as treasurer was Julie Post (other nominee was Mark Kirschten). President for one more year will be Roddy Rost and secretary Carol Sparks.

Jolinda reminded us to start researching our club histories, especially past community services – they can be very interesting!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Carol A Sparks, Secretary