

President Roddy Rost called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Those present included Jayme Lowery, Gary and Cindy Irgens, Carleigh, Dustin and Justin; Nico and Gina Cantaloupo; Faye Koenig, Norton Walker, Sharon Schwartz, Mark Kirschten, Julie and Kalli Post, Jolinda and Brandi Allerdings, Leslie and Medori Gray, LaTonne Reetz, Roddy and Bo Rost, Brandon Steen, and Carol Sparks.

Pledges were led by Dustin Irgens. Minutes were approved with one correction (date of State Leaders Forum from July to Sept.). Correspondence included a thank you note from a 4-H member who won a prize at the State horse Show to which we contributed funds.

Julie Post presented the treasurer's report and Jerry Townsend's annual fiscal report.

Sharon and Nico gave the Extension Service update. They reviewed the need for all leaders to be signed up and to go through training in order to have "unsupervised access" to children. New leaders can still sign up for this year, but they must comply with the training. Pick up ear tags for beef animals by 5:00PM February 1. Members were reminded to keep track of possession dates for other animal projects as well. A question was asked by Faye as to when indoor cat and dog projects exhibits are to be in place or judged.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Livestock: Mark Kirschten reported on the new 5-day schedule for the 2010 fair, with Wednesday being added. Wednesday's judging will include horses, trail class (for horse and goat), dog and cat; Thursday will be goats, sheep, rabbits and poultry; Friday is swine, dairy and beef shows; Saturday remains round-robin showmanship. The livestock committee recommends providing judges with a meal on the days they judge.
2. Fruit Sales: Faye said fruit will sell during February (Feb. 1 to March 1) and the fruit will come in either March 17 or March 24. We are working with other drop off locations to coordinate dates. Fruit will once again come from Food Service of America and Minntex. Prices will remain the same with one price going down one dollar.
3. Food Booth: Jolinda and Toni discussed the food booth being open for a fifth day at the fair (Wednesday). Suggestions were made as to how to make this work.
4. Julie Post reported that she has paid three of the four 4-H scholarships given in 2009. The scholarship committee needs to meet in February before the applications go to the schools.
5. No 4-H Fun Day was held this year.
6. Fair Revisions: Only small changes were made this year and they are completed.
7. County Events: A discussion was held about our hosting of the fashion revue/quilt show for the two counties. Carol Sparks said she would head this up as no club volunteered to do so. It will be held probably June 3rd or 4th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Norton moved to provide a meal ticket for livestock judges at the fair. It was seconded and passed. The food booth committee will finalize the method for this. It should cost the council about \$75.00 to do this.
2. Cindy Irgens moved and Julie seconded that we form a committee in order to organize a silent auction for indoor exhibits at the 2010 Fallon County Fair. Motion passed. The committee will meet February 16 at 5:15 in the courthouse. Each club is to send one leader/parent and one 4-H member.
3. Jolinda reported on the District 8 Leaders Meeting which she attended November 8, 2009. Our county will host it in 2010. Jolinda was voted in as chairman of the event and she accepted. We will all need to help her with this – usually held in October.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Washington Focus Trip: Brandi Allerdings and Jordan Gray have applied to go and two more applications may be forthcoming from our county. Jolinda has applied to be a chaperone. The council will designate funds to these members at their April meeting when it is known how many are going.
2. The next council meeting will be April 21, 2010 at 7:00PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Carol A. Sparks