

# Sanders County 4-H Council

Minutes – February 5, 2008

**Present:** President Sarah Naegeli; Treasurer Kathy McEldery; Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks; Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop – MSU Sanders County Extension Agents

**Pledges** to the U.S. and 4-H flags were recited.

**December minutes** were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** The Council has received the \$1,000 scholarship reimbursement from the Montana 4-H Foundation. Some remaining 2007 special award money has been received. In 2008, sponsor inquiries and invoices will be sent simultaneously. Kathy presented the bookkeeping option of moving the Livestock Committee's money to a separate account, to track market sale administration/buyer gifts/improvement funds.

**Correspondence** was received from Blackfoot regarding a grant available to 4-H clubs. Local clubs and members have received monies for projects in the past.

Clubs are encouraged to make sure that they get their **Volunteer Leader & Media Consent Forms** in to the Extension Office, as some are still missing.

The **4-H strategic planning** will take place on Feb. 26 at the Community Congregational Church. Registration will begin at 5:30. The strategic planning will take place from 6:00-9:00 pm. Strategic planning is intended to look at the "bigger picture" involving 4-H. It will provide us an opportunity to define what we do well, what can be improved and goals related to what we want Sanders County 4-H to look like in the future. All leaders and senior 4-H members are encouraged to take part. Please call to register 827-6934.

Sarah reported that the **state awards applicants** have met twice. There are four members who are completing the application. Others are invited to join in the meetings if interested in applying for a State Award, this year or in the future.

John reported that **shooting sports** leaders met on January 17. The group will put together a shooting competition and fundraiser at the fair. The idea has been presented to the fair board. Old vendor booths opposite the rabbit/poultry barn appear available as a space to hold the events. Awards will be solicited for the competition. Details will be worked on.

**4-H Livestock committee:** Market Lamb members who chose to slick shear may do so. Regular (county-wide) shearing will be delayed to late July or early August to lessen staple length variability. Quality assurance training for first year and every other year thereafter will take place at noon on demonstration days. Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Hot Springs) and Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (Plains). Joe Brown has volunteered to be Fair camp coordinator.

Sally moved to replace purple, blue, red and white ribbons at demonstrations, fashion revue/patchwork parade and the fair with stickers. Those who wish to have a ribbon at the fair may pick theirs up from Extension staff. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Rule Exemption forms concerning **demonstrations** were reviewed. An alternative demonstration day, prior to March 9<sup>th</sup>, will be scheduled for members unable to make either demonstration day.

The South Side Sparks will serve as the lunch host at the March 15<sup>th</sup> demonstration day.

Sarah, Sally, Mariah Naegeli, and Meghan Brady will serve on the **Fashion Revue and Patchwork Parade** committee. The committee will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 5:00pm at the State Building.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meghan Phillippi & John Halpop