**Stillwater County 4-H Leader’s Council Minutes**

**October 20, 2021**

**6pm: pavilion**

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Kramer at 6:07pm. The pledges were recited and correspondence (many thank you’s from 4-H members) were passed around. Those in attendance were Wendy Reed, Tammi Kirch, Kathy Hollar, Paul Hollar, Cortney Thiel, Shannon Moore, Brian Young, Haley Barker, Lee Schmelzer, Melissa Kramer, Meredith Feddes, Katrina Feddes and Brent Shay.

**Reports:**

**Teen Leaders**

Haley reported that their last meeting was very brief as it was right before awards night. Teen Leaders did a great job announcing at awards night and handing out awards. Their next meeting will be Sunday October 24th at 3pm at the pavilion. All eligible are welcome to attend.

**Travel Program:**

Tammi reported they still have 3 members. Have prospects of places to travel and will follow up with those areas soon to finalize plans. They are selling wreaths, contact the Extension office or a travel member to get a wreath.

**Homemakers:**

Haley reported about their fall council meeting, with 10 members present. They decided to do a cookbook fundraiser, details of that to come. Homemaker of the year went to Roberta Marsh. As a program they had a discussion of proposed county facilities plans. Future plans may be changing as their treasurer resigned 2 weeks ago. More to come; Haley meets with them again next week.

**Old Business**:

**Family fun night:**

Much discussion had here about forming a committee to work on this, and share ideas. It was brought up to discuss this with Teen Leaders. Haley will work with them and see what ideas they have.

**Pig Wrestling Coordination**

Was suggested to discuss with Amber Emmett as she has done the computer side of this. Meredith said she would help Amber. Was then decided that each club needs to have one member and one leader/adult to help run pig wrestling. Submit your volunteer names into Haley after your next club meeting.

**Fair week date**

Still will be July 10-16, 2022. However, there was discussion about future dates, we should continue to leave our fair at the second week in July to make sure we give our processors enough time between fairs.

**Welcome BBQ**

This was an idea brought up at our brainstorming meeting last year, and Haley would like to see this happen as many new members are signing up. Would help answer questions for those new members. Idea is to have a small program at the beginning, then have members of various projects at stations to talk about requirements in their project; then have a rotation for each station for new members to attend. Tammi, Melissa and Shannon will help get this going. If anyone else would like to help with this, please contact the Extension office (all input is welcome).

**Action Plans:**

Tammi moved to have Stillwater County 4-H members assist with making tie blankets for Community Health with the cost of blankets not to exceed $375. Melissa added to have a member stitch a little tag on each blanket to say “made by Stillwater County 4-H” or something of the like.

Wendy seconded this motion, motion passed.

Nikki Markle proposed a few changes to the dog program moved rally to day one so we will do everything we need to do under the Leuthold building then do agility the next day at the fields. Also make each beginning group able to use treats. This has really helped in agility extending it in Rally and Obedience as well. And then updated the obedience levels to correspond better to AKCs levels.

Tammi seconded, motion passed.

**Council nominations:**

Discussion was had about how to involve more people at council. How to get the word out about what council does. Bringing more people to the table for discussion. Prior to the meeting Suzi Smith declined her position as secretary. A new slate of officers was discussed and presented. Shannon volunteered to fill the secretary position. Meredith moved to keep officers in current positions and add Shannon Moore as secretary. Shannon seconded, motion passed. Officers are: President Melissa Kramer, VP Brian Young, Treasurer Meredith Feddes, and Secretary Shannon Moore

Meredith moved to adjourn the meeting, Wendy seconded.