

**Clark County 4-H Leaders Meeting**  
**March 1, 2021**  
**Clark County Extension Office**

President Sara Hosfield called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

All persons physically present are represented on the attached sign-in sheet. Jim Morris and Hillary Deckard attended by phone.

Secretary's Report was given and the October 2019 minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was given and approved as read. Ending balance was reported as \$5,405.27.

**Old Business**

Jane Williams, Sara Hosfield, and Brenda Gilbert were the agreed upon signors for the Leaders checking account in October 2019. All three will need to sign new signature cards at First Mid Bank in Marshall as soon as possible; they may use a copy of the October 2019 minutes, or these, as verification of their appointment as signors.

In late January an email was sent to Leaders regarding a dormant account issue with our checking account and proposing that making donations we would normally have discussed and made in the fall of 2020 would cure that issue. The email discussion was tabled pending this meeting. Per the Treasurer's Report, an anonymous donation cured the dormant account issue, and after brief discussion it was decided that our typical annual donations should be discussed and voted on at our October 2021 meeting and after the conclusion of the 4-H BBQ.

The permanent BBQ Committee established in October 2019 will meet March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Dee Dee Morris was not in attendance but communicated her desire to leave that committee. The Committee now consists of Angi Vanatta, Cindy Ewing, Veronica Cornejo, and Greg Robinson. The 4-H BBQ is scheduled for September 11, 2021.

**New Business**

Cartha announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2021. Justin Lewis will be interning again this year and she expects a seamless transition to our first show season without her.

Election of officers was discussed, and by unanimous agreement 2019 elected Officers and appointed Foundation Representative will remain in place until our regular election/appointment in August 2021.

Leaders and Volunteers need to complete their enrollments immediately. Member enrollment and re-enrollment deadline is April 1st in order to be eligible for 4-H Fair Show Opportunities; this includes risk forms and fees.

In-person meetings require an approved 4-H Club Event Safety Management Plan. Those forms have been provided by email and paper copies were available at this meeting. Approval can take up to two weeks, but is generally much faster.

The Federation meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Upcoming opportunities like Skype With a Scientist and Teen Teachers Leadership Training for Youth 13-18 were touched on; details will come via email/eBlast.

The Pollinator Garden previously planned in 2019 is moving forward and volunteers were sought to help prepare and plant the garden area. Cindy Ewing volunteered to assist with working the ground for planting. Angela Zellers said that Marathon was interested in working with organizations for a Pollinator/Habitat area. Cartha will make arrangements through Angela and 4-H Federation will plan to plant the garden.

The Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Extension Office. Participants would be eligible for State Fair selection and premiums. Interested 4-H'ers must enroll for that project ahead of time.

Our traditional 4-H Fair has been modified into 4-H Show opportunities which will move forward as in-person events on a schedule that complies with IL 4-H directed health and safety guidelines including capacity limits and social distancing requirements. Livestock/Animals are planned to show during the traditional Fair week of July 17-21, but General projects are expected to be scheduled for dates and times before, during, and after that traditional week. More details will be coming, but most livestock related deadlines (weigh-ins, possession dates, ownership form deadlines, etc) and entry dates are NOT expected to change.

General and Livestock Superintendents will meet Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office.

Clark County day at the IL State Fair will be Saturday August 14, 2021.

Our next meeting will be May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Teresa Winnett made a motion to Adjourn at 8:34 p.m. and that motion was seconded by Angela Zellers.