

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council | Meeting Notes

March 21, 2024 - 5:30 PM | Fergus County Sheriff's Office, Lewistown, MT

Guest Speakers / Presentations

- **Carrie Mantooth – Central Montana Foundation**
 - In 2023, 4-H Leaders Council submitted an application and it was approved for a permanent endowment with Central Montana Foundation. There are currently no funds allocated to this account.
 - We would need a \$2,500 minimum deposit.
 - Montana endowment tax credit: <https://mtcf.org/giving/montana-endowment-tax-credit>
- **Jane Wolery – Montana 4-H Foundation**
 - Types of accounts offered – Managed Agency Accounts, Endowments, Temporarily Restricted Account
 - Managed Agency Accounts – required a minimum of \$10,000 to establish account. Can draw at any time (30-day notice); 90-day notice if closing account. 7.1% interest
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Call to Order: The Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leader's Council was called to order by President, Corry Arntzen at 6:30 pm on March 21, 2024. Corry led the group in the Pledge of Alliance and 4-H pledge.

Introductions / Attendance / Roll Call:

- Corry Arntzen - *Christina Busy Bees, President*
- Sonja Gregory – *Independent Leader, VP*
- Karly DeMars - *Christina Busy Bees, Secretary*
- Gisele Yaeger – *Christina Busy Bees, Treasurer*
- Shelly Van Haur – *Hilger High Goalers*
- Yvette Hersel - *Creative Critters*
- Davey Storfa – *Independent Member*
- Chris England – *4-H Program Assistant*
- Allison Smith – *Extension Office*

Old Business

- **Secretary's Report / February Minutes**
 - Gisele moved to approve the minutes; Yvette Hersel seconded. Approved unanimously.
- **Correspondence –**
 - Central Montana Jaycees – award of \$1000 grant for youth camp expenses
 - Thank you for Hayley Stahl for scholarship.
 - Thank you from Montana 4-H Foundation for our donation to the Emerald Event.
 - Thank you for Ag West for Valentine's Cake
- **Treasurer's Report – Gisele Yaeger**
 - Ending Balance as of 2/29/2024: \$125,778.83
 - Yvette Hersel moved to approve the Treasurer's report and file for audit; Davey 2nd; approved unanimously. Treasurer's Report approved and will be filed for audit.

New Business

- Scholarship Recipient Selection Committee
 - Scholarship applications are due April 1; Selections should be made prior to May 1
 - Committee will consist of Sonya Gregory, and two others (to be determined). Corry will reach out to other county leaders to develop the committee.
- Funding Investment Discussion
 - Bonds are in hand; last report was a return of \$8,000.
 - The meeting participants discussed committing to do further investigations on our fund posture and to have further discussions.
- Fundraiser Opportunity
 - Vintage Artisan Market at Fergus County Fairgrounds
 - Food booth opportunity from 9-3 pm, Saturday, June 8, 2024.

- Purchasing Wall Tents for Camps
 - There is a need for tents during junior and senior camps as the cabins at Camp Maiden do not accommodate all of our campers.
 - Sonya Gregory moves to allow the Extension Office to use up to \$2,500 of their budgeted funds for camps. Davey Storfa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Volunteer Appreciation – discussed some ideas for a small token of appreciation for 4-H volunteers.
- Other New Business – none.

Announcements

- ✓ Camp Registration Deadlines - Junior camp June 3rd, Cloverbud camp June 3rd, Senior camp July 8th.
- ✓ Clubs need to email club meeting minutes into the Extension Office
- ✓ Radio spots (can be prerecorded) and Spotlight Reminders

Committee Reports *(Submitted Prior to Meeting) - added to the end of report*

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, May 30 at 5:30 PM at Sheriff's Office

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Committee Reports *(Submitted Prior to Meeting)*

- **Ambassadors:** Traveling Farm is April 1st we will be meeting at the bowling alley at 9 am with or without an animal. Contact Hailey 406-366-2549 if you have any questions or are planning to come. Farm Safety Day is April 9th at 8:30 am if you would like to lead a group. Please contact Lexie 406-366-6564 for more information or to sign up.
- **Livestock Committee:** Livestock Committee will be looking for youth to help pour the new pad needed for the scale in May. When the concrete being donated for sidewalks in front of the 4-H Food Booth and small animal barn is poured, extra concrete is being donated for a new scale pad. At the next meeting, the Livestock Committee will be discussing the prizes they wish to purchase for the 2024 Central Montana Fair Youth Livestock Show.
- **Small Animal Committee:** We have set up our showmanship clinic for June 3rd at 5:30 at the small animal barn. The Berger and Gallagher family put together 2 bird netting forms to help with covering the pens. We have started to have rabbit and poultry practices. Please watch your email for more dates and dog practice dates coming in April.
- **Horse Committee:** The Horse Committee is working to get spring clinics and clinicians lined up. Fair judges are also lined up for 2024. The "Top Hand Award" has been changed to the "True Grit Award" and the criteria has been modified accordingly.
- **Static Committee:** We have sent out the template and instructions for the sticker contest. Currently, we have not received any designs. The due date for the designs is May 1st. We have been receiving the intent to sell forms for the indoor auction (Due May 1st) and I have tentatively secured Ken as the auctioneer. We have a few options for the location for the auction, TBD, after our next meeting. Workshop for leather and scrapbooking scheduled for April 27th 10-2 at the sheriff's complex. Please call to RSVP 406-535-3919. Photography, cooking/baking, and cake decorating workshops to come.
- **Food booth:** The door is a go for some time in May, but looking at a different style than the quote, due to fairgrounds request. It has been brought forth to add a sliding door (barn door style) to the front so that the roll up door fits in with the décor at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds if working on upgrading some of the food booth, new LED lighting, larger fan in the back and a new breaker box. We have acquired a microwave; we will see if we need a smaller one still. The food booth will also be getting a new pad in front of the building (this will extend also to the small animal barn), allowing ease of wheelchair and walker access. This funding has been donated by a generous donor and they would like 4H kids and parents to help with the forming and raking when it is time.
- **Workbook Committee:** We have been communicating I am hoping to have a meeting here in the next couple of weeks.
- **Awards:** The medallions are in the process of being ordered and they will cost \$2.00 + .10 = \$2:10 We will be buying 200 of them. All other rosettes are fully stocked, and we will be using them till we are out.

- **Extension Office Report:** Valentines Cakes brought in \$580.00 for the leader's education fund. Senior, Junior and Cloverbud camps are in the process of being planned and the tweeny camp was a success thanks to Shawna, Ashley, Jeremy, Lee, and Katie. The games purchased worked great for the down time at tweeny camp. We have interviewed for the FCS position and an offer should be out in the next week. We will keep you posted if it is accepted. Scholarships have been emailed out and the due date is April 1st. Colt Reisig Project Grant has been mailed out and due date is May 1st.

Meeting minutes submitted by Karly DeMars, Leader's Council Secretary