

September 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

The quarterly meeting of the Toole County 4-H Council was called to order by Vice President, Donita Daniels from Steppin' Up 4H Club. Other members present were Anna Fretheim from Kountry Kids 4H Club, Carrie Lerum from Kountry Kids 4H Club, Tawna Hanson from West Butte 4H Club and Alice Burchak Toole County Extension Agent.

Election of officers for the 2014-15 year was held.

- **President:** Carrie Lerum nominated Donita Daniels for President, Donita accepted the nomination. Anna Fretheim moved that nominations ceased, Tawna Hanson seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed. Donita Daniels continued the meeting as President.
- **Vice President:** Anna nominated Tawna Hanson for Vice President. Tawna expressed that she had previously spoken with Cathy and they agreed to share their role as Council members representing the West Butte 4-H Club. After group discussion, Carrie made a motion for the Vice President position to be a shared position for the 2014-2015 year, Anna seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Tawna accepted the nomination for shared position of Vice President with Cathy Ratzburg.
- **Secretary:** Alice informed the members that Barb Larson offered to retain her position as Secretary if needed. After discussion, Anna made a motion to continue to retain Barb as Secretary, Tawna seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.
- **Treasurer:** Anna offered to retain her position as Treasurer. After discussion, Tawna made a motion to retain Anna as Treasurer, Carrie seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

The minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting were read. Anna noted a needed amendment stating that the Insurance was \$400 for 6 months. Anna made a motion to accept the minutes as read with the above amendment, Carrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Minutes of the June 16th, 2014 meeting were read. Anna made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Carrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Correspondence: Alice shared a recent Thank you that the council had received as well as a notice from the Butter Braid Corporation.

Treasure Report: Anna noted that the Checking Account has a current balance of \$8,397.53 with \$2,608 of that money earmarked for the Sisk Scholarship Fund. The Savings account has a current balance of \$10,142.78, and a CD for \$500 from the Longcake family. Total Assets are \$10,642. Carrie made a motion to accept the Treasure report, Tawna seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Discussion was held regarding tracking the income and expenses on the Quicken program. Alice stated that Kathy would be able to maintain that entry if it was desired. Carrie made a motion to have Kathy enter all income and expenses into the Quicken Program and run Quarterly reports for each council meeting. Anna seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed. It was also noted that a minimum of 2 people need to be on the signature card for the check book as per policy. After discussion Tawna made a motion to have Donita, Carrie, and Anna on the signature card. Carrie seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business: Carrie, Anna, and Donita reported on the events at the 2014 Fair. All expressed good things from the fair. Anna noted that discussion and organization of the Exhibit Building was needed as no help showed up

to set up the Toole County Exhibits. After discussion it was agreed that this topic would be tabled until closer to Fair 2015.

Alice reminded the Council that the Food Booth Committee meet on September 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Marias River Electric meeting room.

Alice asked that the Council members pass on to their club members to be looking for an email with a Survey Monkey attachment. We are to encourage everyone to take the survey to help the agents and councils/committees better our 4H program using the input from the survey.

Alice shared with the council the current status on the Bathroom Committee. It was noted that they have currently raised \$7,500, with a telethon fundraiser set for later this year. It was noted that Rebecca Ratzburg and Jordan Stoltz are assisting this as a Leadership project.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding the Butter Braid offer of a 2% discount on the product if a fundraiser date was set soon. After discussion, Tawna made a motion to continue the Butter Braid fundraiser with a delivery date set for March 23, 2015. Carrie seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed. Alice noted that she and Kathy will be the main contacts for the ordering this year.

The council discussed the challenge that was received from the Glacier County in support of Casey Burrows. After discussion the Council advised Alice to forward the email to each Club and the youth can discuss and vote on donating from their club. Carrie made a motion that the Toole County 4-H Council donate \$50 to help support Casey Burrows and her family. Anna seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

Kiana Jorata submitted a letter of request to the Council asking for financial assistance in covering the cost of her trip to the State 4H Horse Show that was in Kalispell, MT. After discussion, Carrie made a motion to award Kiana \$100 to help offset her travel expenses. Anna seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

Meritorious Award was discussed. Carrie made a motion to nominate Luanne Wallewein with Timber Coulee Columbia's as this year's recipient. Tawna seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

It was noted that Elda Nicols formally resigned her position as Treasurer for the Council. Anna made a motion to purchase a gift from Montana Silversmiths in value of \$50-100 to give to Elda as a Thank you for her many years of volunteer service to the Toole County 4H Council. Carrie seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion passed. Alice will see what is available for the gift.

Distinguished Service Award was discussed. Anna made a motion to nominate Elda Nicols as this year's recipient. Tawna seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.

Alumni of the Year was discussed. Alice noted that she had received written nominations for Emily Kinyon and Deb Friesen to be this year's recipients. The council encouraged Alice to send out a ballot to all the club members asking for a vote.

Leader of the Year was discussed. Alice noted that she received written nominations for Donita Daniels and Dean Lerum to be this year's recipients. The council encouraged Alice to send out a ballot to all the club members asking for a vote.

Alice reminded the Council that National 4-H Week is October 6-10th, 2014. It was noted that Newspaper and radio promotion is to be done by the Kountry Kids 4H Club this year. Alice also handed out an updated Business Thank you List to the council with the businesses divided among the 4 clubs.

Alice reminded the council that the Round Table Discussions were scheduled for October 12, 2014. She also noted that all club Treasure Books are due October 15, 2014. Achievement Awards will be available to the clubs by November 1st, 2014.

Youth Council was discussed. The council encouraged Alice to continue to offer the program to the older 4H youth. Alice agreed and will send out information via email to be passed on to the youth at their meetings.

Alice led discussion on the Ambassador's Program. The council encouraged Alice to advertise the need for a volunteer leader to head up this program. Alice agreed to send out a notice.

Alice discussed with the Council the need for record book training with the youth and leaders. She noted that various versions of forms are being used and expressed the need to be more uniform and to be consistent with the State's forms. She stated that this would help any of the youth who desire to apply for State Awards. Alice stated that she felt that this would be best taught at the Club level and will schedule a day with each club.

Alice presented the Council with an idea of starting a "Mentoring" program at each club level. She would pair a new 4H family with an experienced family from the same club in effort to curb the feelings of confusion that many new families experience. The Council encouraged Alice to move forward with this project.

Alice reminded the Council that the State Leadership Forum is September 29th, 2014 on Flathead Lake. She encouraged all leaders to attend if able. She is planning on attending this year. Alice informed the Council that it is Toole County's turn to host the Leadership forum in October of 2015.

The next meeting will be January 19th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Toole County Extension Office.

Anna moved to adjourn the meeting, Carrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Tawna Hanson, Vice President

