

Minutes: February 6, 2014

President Richard Parker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

VISITORS:

4-H EXTENSION OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Siciliano-Miller discussed the Susie Mettler Benefit that is being sponsored by 4-H will be held on Saturday, February 22 at the Perry High School Cafeteria. This is the only benefit that is sponsored by 4-H.

-The Extension Advisory Committee had carry over funds last year and would like to propose purchasing tables for the 4-H building. They would like the Fair Board to pay 1/2 of this. These tables are not to leave the 4-H building. They are looking at 8'x3' plastic tables. Bob Dawson made a motion that Fair Board pays 1/2 for 30 tables for the 4-H building and also to have the dangerous tables removed. Joe Slansky seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

-4-H held elections for new officers.

-There will be a Walk-A-Thon again this year in the spring.

-Forever Friends did not receive their check for the Milkshake Booth. Michelle Byram will look to see if the check has been cashed.

MINUTES: Georgianne Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Slansky seconded. All in favor and minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Accounts receivable report and financial for the month of December 2013 and January 2014 were presented. Georgianne Adams made a motion to approve the financial report. Chuck Shultz seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Michelle Byram reported that the United Way send a request for the St. Patrick's Day Celebrity Server Luncheon if anyone is interested in working it.

-Michelle Byram reported there are several donation requests: Susie Mettler Benefit, Leader Dogs for the Blind Spaghetti Dinner, Lake Erie College Storm Wrestling Reverse Raffle, Melridge Elementary PTO Raffle, Cleveland Notre Dame Club Fundraiser, Leroy School Spring Carnival and Chinese Auction, Irish Setter Club Raffle. Bob Dawson noted that Ladies Auxiliary would also be donating a basket for the Susie Mettler Chinese Auction. Cindy Woodman made a motion to donate a family 4 pack of tickets for fair to each organization. Mike Peplowski seconded. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership Tickets: Richard Parker announced that membership tickets are available and all directors should have theirs purchased.

-Habitat For Humanity: Michelle Byram reported that she contacted Habitat For Humanity regarding the outstanding balance for the Armory. They responded saying that we are on the list to be paid but are not sure when payment will be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

-2013 Financial Report: Michelle Byram presented the 2013 Annual Financial Report to the Board. Bob Dawson made a motion to accept the report. Joe Slansky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

-Resignation Letter: Michelle Byram read a letter written by Jackie Wilson stating her resignation from the Board. Bob Dawson made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets. Cindy Woodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

-Newsletter Articles: Steve Andow stated that any newsletter articles need to be turned in. They plan to get the newsletter out in March.

-Premium Book: Steve Andow stated that changes need to be turned in by March for the Premium Book. Michelle Byram reminded the Directors to check their mailboxes for their articles from last year to make changes to.

-OFMA Red Book: Bob Dawson reported that there is new legislation to make changes to the Red Book. Bob submitted changes he feels need to be made and handed out to the Directors his recommendations.

-Calendars: Copies of the calendars were distributed.

-Convention: Dick Parker asked for a recap of Convention. Michelle Byram reported that the Queen ceremony went very well. Bob Dawson said that from what he saw, everything has been a record. Chris Spielman was well received. The showcase had positive response. Lenny Jeschelng reported that Jr. Fair Board was happy with everything. Michelle Byram reported that Lake County Fair received \$1000 from the Gala.

-Joe Slansky presented a signed picture from the Willoughby South Band thanking us for our support to them.

COMMITTEES:

-Advertising-Publicity: Bob Dawson reported that Ohio Dept of Job and Family Services has been secured for Kids Day. The Parade and Jungle Terry are also secured. Bob said that he has contacted Big Oats for the Demo Derby.

-Cattle-Sheep-Swine-Goats: Rich Van Pelt reported that forms need to be turned in before animals are shown. Mike Peplowski reported that he received notice that there is an extremely dangerous virus going around in the swine and to let the advisors know.

-4-H Livestock Auction: Lisa Miller reported that the auction will be held on Saturday during fair this year.

-Concessions: Cindy Woodman reported that contracts are ready to go out.

-Entertainment: Joe Slansky reported that there are good size changes being made to the schedule this year. As of now, there will be nothing in the grandstands on Tuesday. This will give more time for the parade. Wednesday will be Moto-Cross. They are trying to secure a big name for the concert on Thursday. Friday will be Carlos Jones; Saturday will be the Demo Derby and possibly a rodeo on Sunday. The grandstands will be charged for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

-Fair Queen: Dick Parker questioned who will take this over since Jackie is no longer Director. Bob Dawson said that maybe Ladies Auxiliary will continue to handle it.

-Finance & Budget: Bob Dawson reported that the start of school will probably affect our fair starting in 2015. This needs to be looked into now since it will take time to make changes for this.

-Bob Dawson reported that selling tickets for the grandstands is part of our budget. Also a Flower Show in May was included in the budget and the organizer has decided not to do it this year.

-Draft Horse: Wade Crofoot reported that the Draft Horse Dinner meeting will be on Sunday, February 23 at 2:30 pm in the Fair Office

-Jr. Fair: Dick Parker questioned how we can get kids more involved? Lisa Miller said she will get a description to 4-H to let the kids know and put it in their newsletter. Michelle Byram said we will put it in our newsletter also.

-Rails: Bob Dawson mentioned that this year is the renewal for the Plaisted Ring. Letters should be send out in March with a deadline of April 15 instead of mailing in June. Also clarify that they are buying three fairs for exposure.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mike Peplowski made a motion to read and pay bills. Seconded by Georgianne Adams, the motion passed.

Cindy Woodman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Slansky seconded this motion. It passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Byram
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 6 @ 7:30 p.m.