

The Aurora County 4-H Leaders meeting was held on January 25, 2021 at 6pm in the courthouse community room and by Zoom. Those in attendance were Becky and Clint Moore, Todd Clark, Cheryl Dethlefsen, Tina Keiffer, Ashley Howard, and by zoom-Audra Scheel, Elaine Schabot, Tracy and Clint Moore, and Cristy Olinger. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dethlefsen. The flag pledges were led by Todd Clark. Secretary's report was given by acting secretary Todd and was approved. Ashley Howard read the treasurer report with \$7457.61 in savings, \$2624.51 in premium account and \$794.25 in checking. There was only one previous bill to be paid-Stickney Eagles for top club winner.

Old business: The 4-H grounds/building plan was tabled until later. The fundraising options discussion was to have a raffle. Todd and Clint will check on cost of guns, Sue Faulhauber will check on getting a big frig, and Tina will check on a Ninja Foodi. The statewide community service project is 20/20 vision. Drop boxes need to be placed in the community. Let Audra know where so she can get an article out stating where to drop off old eyeglasses. Aurora County Siders are the only club left that needs to sign their annual charter renewal/civil rights statements. Tina K will get a list to Becky Moore for White Lake premium collection. Cristy O and Elaine will work on getting a new letter generated to send out.

New business: Judging for CDM/horticulture was discussed. The office has a jeopardy game that can be taken to the club meetings as a practice. There will be one virtual kit, 2 in person, and 1 kit that can be checked out to clubs. YQCA trainings will be Jan 23 in WS at 1pm, Feb 27 at Forestburg at 2pm, March 5 in Plankinton at 5 pm and April 2 in WS.

The tentative schedule was looked at for achievement days and was tabled until next meeting. A request was made for sheep to not be last. Tina gave the list of current enrolled 4-H members of 34, 5 cloverbuds, and 10 volunteers. Cristy made a motion to do a movie ticket drawing for completed projects again this year. We will do 2 drawings of 5 winners each time. Becky seconded the motion.

The SD 4-H calendar theme for 2022 has been updated from what was previously published. The new theme will be 'Together We're United'. It is related to what youth take part in during their 4-H year. Examples are meetings, community service, projects, livestock, camps, summer adventure series, etc. Photos must be entered in the 2021 state fair under the calendar theme lot in photography. DNA envelopes for market animals going to the state fair are due to the office by June 1. Envelopes can be picked up in the office. NUES tags are also available.

We are excited to launch the 2021 Civocacy Guide, a guidebook created for youth to learn about the importance of being and engaging as a civic advocate through the Legislative Session. The resource is split in two components, the first section focusing on education and the second section focusing on ways to participate. As previously notes, no 4-H Day at the Capitol will be held this year, but we hope this guidebook will provide a way for youth to continue to learn about policy processes and importance of State Government. The guide can be used individually, as a family, as a club, or even a larger county group. Please share your experiences on social media and the committee! We look forward to hearing about and seeing the different ways our 4-H communities are engaging. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the committee members: Amber Erickson, Caroline Hansen, Jenae Hansen, or Hilary Risner. (Office can print you a copy or can send the link). Also the information on the teen leadership program was sent out. It is for 7-12th grade and applications are due back in the office by Feb 8th. State scholarship and Aurora Co scholarship applications are also available for graduating seniors.

The next meeting will be March 22nd at the Courthouse community room at 6pm. Meeting adjourned. Acting secretary-Todd Clark.