

The Aurora Co 4-H leaders met on March 22, 2021 at 6pm in the courthouse community building with Becky Moore, Traci Moore, Ashley Howard, Elaine Schabot, Tina Kieffer, Audra Scheel, and Cheryl Dethlefsen. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Dethlefsen. The flag pledges were led by Elaine. Cheryl read the secretary's report in absence of Sue. The treasurer's report was given by Ashley Howard. There is \$2,546.51 in premium, \$7,457.61 in savings, and \$1,266 in regular checking. Checks to be deposited were a donation from Agtegra for \$450 and \$30 for clips. We also received a matching funds from Land O'Lakes for \$453. We will need a paid receipt. Bills to pay were \$25 to Stickney Eagles for top club last year.

Old business: The 4-H grounds/building 5 year improvement plan has met but are continuing with planning. The fundraising options is an on-going discussion. The raffle so far is a gun/big frig/\$100 cash. Tina is going to number them and it was decided to sell for \$10 or 3 for \$25 with a free camel clip to be given with 3 tickets bought. Sales will start July 1st. Elaine made a motion to give the top seller \$50 and 2nd place \$25. Traci seconded the motion. Approved. L & L Sanitation is interested in sponsoring something for the raffle also. Cheryl will talk to him.

The statewide community service project- 20/20 vision-is going good. Traci will contact someone from the Lions to see if we can drop them off somewhere instead of mailing. The premium collection process is being worked on by Elaine/Cristy. Tina will send a new list to Becky also.

State CDM/Horticulture skillathons will be normal contests this year with a virtual contest as an option. Only in-person participants are eligible for awards. For more information, see the fair book. YQCA training is required for showing any animals. Last one is April 2 at 9am in Wessington Springs. A tentative schedule of Achievement Days was presented for Aug 2-4. Some changes were discussed to go to 2 days and put all animals on Monday and static on Tuesday. It will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting. A list of current 4-H members and volunteers was presented.

Movie tickets or cash will again be given this year for early completed projects. First drawing will be April 29th and second will be May 27th. DNA envelopes for market animals are due to the office by June 1. Envelopes can be picked up at the office. NUES tags are also available.

New business: County 4-H scholarships are due April 15th to the Extension office. 4-H online is now open for families to input their animal information. You will have until May 31 at 11:59pm to get this done. Companion animals are due Aug 10th. Traci made a motion to put an ad in papers for a bid to mow at the 4-H grounds. Ashley seconded the motion. Tina will take care of this. Dates are set for this year's 4-H teen camp. It will be June 20-23 and registration will open April 15. Poinsett will also have a camp on June 2-4. The Dairy cattle committee is offering a series of virtual Dairy judging contests this spring. We would like to offer youth chances to practice this spring and from their own home. Please feel free to share with families in your counties. Contest #1 will be open from Friday, March 12 to Monday, March 29 for scoring. After the 29th, the contest will be left open for practice only. Scores will be sent to the email address they provided and/or the County Office they indicated.

The state horse show will be held July 19-21 at a combination of the State Fair grounds and the Heartland rodeo grounds in Huron. The updated rulebook, etc will be published by April 1st as will the State fair book. County horse show will be in Sanborn this year.

The next meeting will be decided by a survey that will be sent out. Either May 4 or May 6. Meeting adjourned.