

The Aurora County 4-H Leaders met on September 22, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Ag Building with the following people present: Jill Harris, Todd Clark, Cheryl Dethlefsen, Tina Kieffer, Ashley Howard, Elaine Schabot, Becky Moore, Chris Fink, Brailey Mulder, Clara Fink, and Brianna Schabot. The meeting was called to order by president Cheryl Dethlefsen. Flag pledges were led by Todd Clark. The secretary's report was read by acting secretary Jill Harris. The treasurer's report was given by Ashley Howards with \$9,165.53 in Premium, \$12,707.22 in savings, and \$2,858.60 in checking. A bill for Fink Plumbing to repair some issues in the concession stand was presented for \$217. Todd made a motion with Elaine seconding it to pay it. Motion carried. There was also more premium checks that were presented to deposit.

Old business: Elaine reported on the building grounds committee. She has contacted Rodney from Central Electric about getting the wiring done on the 'hog' barn. The prices have increased since our quote and will be a little more. The awards and premium committee reported over \$3400 has been deposited since July 1. More discussion on awards will be held later in the meeting tonight. There were 248 items submitted for the Supplies for Success service project. Comments from the Achievement days were to send a thank you to Farm Credit for all their wonderful help and to leave more time for the poultry and rabbits.

Discussion was held on 2023 Achievement Days. Todd made a motion to hold it on Aug 4-5 for 2023 with Ashley seconding the motion. Elaine made a motion to hold 2024's Achievement days on Aug 2-3 with Todd seconding the motion. Both motions carried. It was discussed to maybe switch the order and put beef, then goats, then sheep. Another suggestion was to have the poultry and rabbits on Friday morning with static after dinner.

New business: Cherie Sauvage was awarded the America's Farmers Grow Communities \$5,000 donation from the Bayer fund program and has designated Aurora Co 4-H as the recipient. It may take up to 120 days to receive it and it will come thru SDSU. Discussion was held on which items to use it for. Suggestions were for the water pressure and to gut the inside of hog barn and redo the stalls. More discussion will be held when we receive the money.

Record books will be due to the office by October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm. Discussion was held on judging books. It seemed to work last year to have people come and go and judge when they could. John Ehlers is interested in setting up a scholarship in Ronnie Ehlers name for kids to purchase poultry or items pertaining to poultry. A suggestion was made to hold a poultry workshop over Christmas break. This would be helpful for new as well as old members on what breeds to order, when to order, etc. Hope Baysinger was suggested as someone to give a class. Ashley will contact her.

Discussion was held on awards/premium. If all books are turned in, there will be 3314 points that will be paid out. There are 83 awards, 8 or 9 graduating members, 11 state judges, 7 cloverbuds, 21 Cream of the Crop (\$10 each), and Friend of 4-H. Todd made a motion to pay .75 a point with Becky seconding the motion. A suggestion was made for Friend of 4-H. All agreed. Youth from the awards committee brought ideas to the meeting of items they would like to see added to the awards sheet and other ideas. Todd made a motion to have recognition day on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with Ashley seconding the motion. Motion carried. Cheryl will get 2 SDSU vanilla ice creams and we will have toppings.

The new 4-H year starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. Audra will send info out about the 4-H youth livestock literacy program. National 4-H week is October 2-8 with the theme 'Opportunity 4 All'. In other business, it was

brought to our attention that a speaker system is needed for the Ag building. It was also brought up to the commissioners so we will have to get together and see what can be done. Chris Fink brought up an idea of having an Aurora Co. 4-H leader's website where people can shop and have this be a fundraising idea. It was also brought to our attention that Cally Faulhaber is on the State 4-H Ambassador Program for 2022-23. To our knowledge, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Aurora Co. youth that has had this honor. She also will be presenting a bill for the 4-H Legislator Program and will be holding an Ag Safety day on Oct 12, 2022 for her Senior Project.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the courthouse. Meeting adjourned.