

**Milwaukee County 4-H Leaders Council
December 12, 2016**

Members present: Carol Blonski, Christy Mueller, Kayla Kessler, Tricia Kessler, Char Ehlert, Laura Brushaber arrived at 7:15 p.m., Laura Jeske arrived at 7:40 p.m. Sarah Tarjeson was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes from November 2016 was made by Carol Blonski and 2nd by Laura Brushaber. The motion was carried.

The treasurer's report reflected a total income of \$30,703.29 (including withdrawal from WI 4-H Foundation \$28,242.00) and expenses totaling of \$12,046. The report was approved to file.

Unfinished Business:

The Holiday Party was discussed. Members present felt as though the Birds of Prey Show was not worth the money for this kind of event. The total funds raised during this event was \$734.23. There were 44 people in attendance. A suggestion was made in favor of Kohl's Design It Lab, the "Bug Guy" Tony's Creepy Crawly Zoo www.creepycrawlyzoo.com.

Palermo's and Racine Kringle Fundraiser pick-up is Thursday, December 15, 2016. Was suggested to try again at a different time of the year. With the exceptions of two youth, only leaders sold.

Char is still looking for help for the Model Horse Show on January 28th. Also looking for items for the raffle held on this day. An open show is held as long as there at 16 registered in Open Class for this show. Sarah will pass the show bill on to other 4-H Programs in the state.

Exploring Saturdays continues to be held. December 3rd was a success. January 7th will be Wildlife Ecology with Mark Kessler.

Mini grants are due by February 1st. These applications can be mailed directly to Tricia and could be mailed to the office. They must be postmarked by February 1st. These will be limited to \$300 per group. They are intended to fund educational or service projects. They may not be used for food. A letter of application is all that is required.

Elvis fundraiser tickets are available now. Two concerns were voiced regarding the time of the dinner not being on the tickets and the dinner tickets will not be given out ahead of time. The board decided to have two people helping at the meal ticket table in order to help resolve the issue of the meal tickets not being handed out ahead of time. In addition, people who sell tickets will have to clarify and write on the show ticket that the pasta dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. Encourage people to come early. Doors open at 4:30!

The 4-H Leaders Council Art Day will be held Saturday, January 21st. An e-mail should have gone out to promote registration.

New Business:

Sarah would like to meet with a small group to review the bylaws. We will hold off on this until after the January Leaders Council Meeting. Laura Jeske and Laura Brushaber indicated they might be interested in helping with this.

Sarah indicated that a document sharing some key 4-H terms and names will be shared shortly. This is intended to make sure we are all talking about the same thing when sharing the opportunities available through the Milwaukee County 4-H Youth Development Program. This will include items such as a 4-H Community Club, a 4-H SPIN Club, A Project, and Charters and Memorandums of Understanding.

The 4-H Leaders Council will meet again on Monday, January 9th 2017.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and approved.