

4-H Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2006

Present: Roger Christopher, President; Robin Miotke, Vice-President; Joey Hennes, Treasurer; and Board Members: Janet Rose, Amy Smith, Jim Dixon, Jim Salter, Tim O'Neill, Gene McClure. Lisa Mills and Colleen Terrazas were also in attendance.

Absent: Margi Thurston, Vyonne Moran, Isaac Hunter, Janet Hunter, Secretary.

1. Drama Festival

Sally could not make the meeting as planned. Sally Tromp, Chair, will be invited to Council again to make recommendations for 2007.

2. Filmmaking

Janet Rose report that six 4-H members (5 boys and 1 girl) attended the filmmaking workshop sponsored by 4-H and ended up completing a musical video. Feedback from the children was very positive. Janet said it would be nice to have something on-going, for the kids that attended this workshop.

Janet Rose spoke about the summer camps offered by the International Film Media Center. The camps are for one week at a time and are \$250 per week. It was suggested that these camps be mentioned in the 4-H newsletter.

Lisa Mills stated that Montana 4-H is promoting the use of technology through 4-H projects. Retaining older members in 4-H is a problem, but this may be an area older members would find appealing.

Lisa said there are innovative grant funds from the State we can apply for to help support technology-oriented programming like filmmaking.

The Council was in favor of the 4-H office seeking grants to fund filmmaking project activities. Janet Rose has the information to use in the proposal part of the grant. The Council did not set aside Council money for filmmaking at this time.

3. "I Am 4-H" Award

Roger Christopher presented the idea of presenting an award to the 4-H member who most exemplifies 4-H. This award would not necessarily be related to the Fair — it's about being an outstanding member in all aspects. Roger suggested a certificate, traveling plaque; t-shirt and Amy added that cash always adds incentive.

Tim O'Neill agreed that it is a good idea to promote kids excelling in 4-H.

Amy Smith thinks individual recognition is great.

Joey Hennes suggested that this NOT be something the kids apply for, the Council needs to research and find the individual. She feels it is a more of a "spirit" award.

It was the general consensus to approve the "I Am 4-H" award with the Council providing \$50, an "I Am 4-H" t-shirt, a certificate for their record book and their name will be engraved on a plaque to be displayed at the 4-H Café.

Lisa will ask organizational leaders for nominations. We'll need the name of the individual nominated and what is outstanding about this 4-H member.

Jim Dixon moved to approve the creation of the "I Am 4-H" award as stated above. Robin Miotke seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Phonathon

Roger Christopher and Vyonne Moran are the two Board members who helped with this event. Roger & Vyonne both recommend we find another form of fundraising.

Tim O'Neill reminded the group that no matter what we raise through conducting a phonathon, half goes to the State to pay Foundation dues. If we don't hold phonathon, we have to pay \$5.00 per member to the State.

It was suggested that another type of fundraiser could be implemented and half could still go to the State for Foundation dues. We believe the State would be open to a new approach, we can explore this with the state foundation director.

A Fundraising Committee was formed to explore fundraising options. Volunteers are: Janet Rose, Roger Christopher, and Colleen added Audrey Peterson. The Fundraising Committee will begin meeting in the fall.

5. **April 5, 2006 Minutes**

Jim Dixon moved to accept the minutes. Jim Salter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **Treasurer's Report by Joey Hennes, Treasurer**

Those present received a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Joey noted that \$150 was spent to reserve Loon Lake for a second week of camp in 2007.

Gene McClure expressed his gratitude for the Missoula County 4-H Program supporting the FFA Foundation because it is uncommon for that to happen in this state.

Lisa mentioned that a dog project fee was returned to Abby Jarvie. Her family wants to pursue service dog trainer through an independent 4-H project to help Abby train her dog, which will be Abby's service dog as she transitions to a wheelchair. The regular 4-H dog obedience and showmanship program was not a fit for her needs and physical limitations. Lisa mentioned that Council may want to consider providing her financial assistance and will look into this further.

Jim Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Janet Rose seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas