

January Meeting

1-30-2017

Tana Canen called the January meeting to order with nine leaders, one ambassador, Jackie Stinnett, 4-H Assistant and Bruce Smith, Extension Agent Present.

Kelty Raciborski Stroh lead us in the pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Minutes of November's meeting were read by Tanya Gobbs and approved with the correction of listing McCone County in district 8. There was one thank you card that was read for the Council from Alexis Canen for helping pay for her trip to National 4-H Congress.

Jackie stated that she will set up a place for the Council minutes on the county website. She also reminded us to notify her with updates for the calendar.

Marnie Rau presented the treasurers report (copy attached) Marnie updated the Council on the progress with the 4-H audit. She has provided requested information to River City Assoc. but has not heard back from them.

Committee Reports:

Carlena reported that the livestock committee's next meeting will be February 16th at 6:30pm. She also stated that Tacee asked for a liaison for Livestock and a liaison for indoor projects. Carlena said she will be the liaison for livestock. The council discussed asking Annie Begger to be the liaison for indoor projects.

Marinie purposed that the council reimburses Tana for her hotel room at State legislation. Jessica Stroh moved and Dean Rau Seconded. Motion carried.

It was asked if the water heater at the cookshack was ever repaired. Bruce will ask Eric. Jackie stated that the rental of the building for summer is getting full. If 4-hers need the building, we need to get on the schedule. Due to reservations being made prior to the November meeting requirement of increased rates and a contract, some renters have the old rate. Jackie has spreadsheets and knows which is which. On the agenda for the March meeting is to determine if we want a deposit at time of reserving the building.

Laurie explained that there were no applicant's for the scholarship this year. Council discussed changing the guidelines from second year of college to first year. Laurie will figure out what was in place and report at the next meeting.

Bruce reported that he still doesn't know where the county wants his office to be. He will continue to keep us informed.

Jessica Stroh reported she talked with Tacee about using the same awards set up as last year. Discussion was held on the new program if two ribbon colors may be used for one project. Jackie explained there is that option in the program. Bruce had the Friends of 4-H plaques made. The Enchanted Room picked

theirs up. We will ask Makenna Begger to go have a picture taken with them. Jessica Stroh and Kelty will take the one to Runnings. Carlana will gather youth to present CHS Elevator with theirs. Jessica and Carlana will take pictures and Jackie will post them in the paper and the 4-H newsletter.

Jackie discussed the fair book program. The members will be able to check in their projects online. The program will then generate the appropriate forms (brand inspection, barn fee, dollar amount for check off, ect). We will decide at the March meeting if we want this done. The program will also generate a scan code for the individual members. Then when they receive a ribbon it will be scanned in to the program. Marnie stated she is working on a spreadsheet for the livestock members so we may or may not want the invoicing option. Jackie, Tacee, and Marnie will work together on this matter. Jackie will check on the ribbon \$ amounts as there were questions regarding the different amounts.

The fundraiser committee formed in January prior to fruit sale planning is composed of Marnie, Tanya, Jessica, Annie, Desiree, & Karla.

For unfinished business, Marine passed out a copy of the current by-laws and a copy of the purposed updated by-laws. The executive committee would like everyone to read and bring any suggestions/changes that you have to the next council meeting for further discussion.

Jackie reported on our upcoming fruit sales. They will start February 3 and End February 24th. She will get flyers around town, as well as talking to the newspaper and getting ads ready to go. Discussion was held on where to keep the money over the weekend since Marnie will not be available till Monday. Stockman Bank was suggested as the bank to use because of its location to the courthouse. Marnie will ask to use secured money bags. Jackie explained that the kids will have to collect the money at the time of sale. Fruit Credit of 10% of the sale will come back to each member. We questioned if there was a minimum sales requirement in place. Council will have Connie check what was on the record regarding fruit sale requirements and report at the next council meeting. It was noted that the company that made beef sticks which everyone liked from years past is no longer in existence. Those we sold last year are the only option – no matter which supplier we go with.

Tana discussed Leaders Forum which will be held September 29-30th in Glendive. She talked with the president of DCC Scott Mickelson for use of the college. He told her we will have full use of the college and food facility. Dr. Mickelson would like to bring Amberly Snider to be the main speaker for the event. We will encourage that committee to go with his idea. Dr. Mickelson said DCC would also like to help. Tana went through what each county is in charge of. All leaders are encouraged to join the Leaders Forum Committee. Members so far :Tana, Marnie, Tanya, Annie, Jessica, Carlana, Alexis and Kelty. Bruce will let us know when a meeting is scheduled to start working with other counties. If you have any ideas about tours/workshops please forward them to the leader's forum committee.

Jackie reported feedback about the Speech and Demo Day. Some members thought that doing the contest in March would give more time to prepare. Those present expressed that they liked speech and demo day to be in January because of the fact that the kids could use Christmas vacation to prepare their speeches and demos. They could also use their family as an audience. Another factor is how busy

ranch families are with calving in March. Carlena proposed setting a specific date as the 3rd Sunday in January. Leaders are to talk about it with your clubs. Further discussion at next meeting.

Tana passed a letter for the council to sign on (if you agreed) listing suggestions regarding scholarship selection to the state 4-H Foundation.

Tana discussed the new leadership training. She brought up fire extinguisher training. It's a hands-on group activity. Like she said, "Who doesn't want to play with fire?" Fire training will be set up in spring. She asked if there was any budget money for leadership training. Marnie will look and get back at the next meeting. Everyone present at the meeting went through the first training on Personalities and the Discovery of leadership personality styles. The next training will be working with youth and getting along.

Jackie asked the Council about reaching out to the community for more project leaders. Welding, woodworking, robotics were suggested as needing leaders. Carlena brought up Don Zimmerman. Dean Myers was another suggestion for woodworking. Tana will post something on Dawson Discussion. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to community members and invite them to give even a few evenings to share their expertise with 4-Hers.

Discussion was brought up about the Archery program. The location that was used last year will no longer be available. We will need to find a new location. Amber Nentwig will get the 4-H equipment back.

The Raise your Hand Alumni Activation will start March 1-June 30th. Watch for more information to come on this. Please spread the word around and help us connect with our community of alumni.

Week of service will be April 21-30. Please take photos of kiddos and leaders in action doing service activities so we can include them in our newsletter and forward them on to state. Report your clubs activity to Alexis Canen, Youth Ambassador as she will tally county results and report to the state.

Jackie was contacted by DCC for the College Community Service Organization Appreciation Night. They gave out 9 tickets for any of our 4-H members to attend. It will be a first come first serve basis. We ask that you wear 4-H clothing. Please contact Jackie if you are interested.

Tanya brought up a discussion about literature payment policy and proposed members pay for books at beginning of the year. Upon completion of the project and all requirements, they would be refunded by the Council. Families unable to pay could talk to Jackie discreetly about having books granted. Jackie stated that when she asked other counties, they say they purchase the curriculum. Ross moved and Dean second to table the discussion till next meeting. Motion carried. We will ask Connie to check previous minutes regarding past decisions of the Council regarding project books.

Next meeting will be March 14th 2017 at the Carney Conference Room at 6:30pm. Subsequent meetings as determined by the Executive Committee will be in May, summer with Cleanup day, September, & November.

Meeting Adjourned.

Tanya Gobbs, Vice President

**Present: Tana Canen, Ross Canen, Marnie Rau, Dean Rau, Tanya Gobbs, Jessica Stroh, Kelty Raciborski
Stroh, Carlena Quinn, Lorie Cullinan and Amber Nentwig ; Jackie Stinnett and Bruce Smith**