The meeting of the Marion County 4-H Council was held on Sunday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The meeting was called to order by President Ashley Peters. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were recited. Roll call was taken by having those present announce their name and club. Roll call was answered by 9 youth, 9 adults, 1 guest and Extension Agent Ricky Roberts.

The March minutes were read by Secretary Karsen Kroupa. The minutes were approved.

Communications: There were no new communications presented; however clubs were called upon to share recent events, activities, and meeting ideas that may be helpful to others. Peabody is holding a breakfast burrito fundraiser. The burritos will be made by club members, those interested in ordering can get details from Alex Young. South Cottonwood held their monthly meeting before our council meeting and will be entering a float in the parade. Lincolnville has been planting flowers to be given to senior citizens within the community or in long-term care and has been working on ceramics for the fair. Goessel recently worked concessions as a community service and hosted a club pizza party. The Happy Hustlers have been focused on fair preparations. Tampa has been working summer concessions for five teams at the Tampa Ball Diamond. During communications, Ricky also acknowledged the accomplishments of Alex Young, who participated in Emerald Circle and will have the opportunity to attend National 4-H Congress. Congratulations were shared!

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Noah Schmidt. The 4H Council March 15, 2022 balance was $16,270.31. Income of $232.70 was received, expenses of $479.49 were incurred, which left the balance of $16,023.52 on May 31, 2022. A motion to approve was made by Kimberly Kroupa, and seconded by Noah Schmidt. Motion passed.

Committee Reports were presented as follows:

Ricky and Suzanne reported on Fair Awards; the committee has been successful and has seen an increase in sponsorship dollars.

Rachel is encouraging participation in the upcoming Style Revue. The theme will be “Fashion Rave.” Those wanting to assist do not need to be enrolled in the clothing projects, this simply need to volunteer and have fun!

Unfinished (Old) business was discussed as follows:
Council members were asked to review the Marion County Fair 2022: Family Information page. As part of this review, changes to the Friends of 4H Event were discussed. The Goessel club has volunteered to organize a meal versus serving ice cream/baked goods. The concerns over volunteers and labor still exist. After much discussion, a motion was made to accept the following:

1. The Goessel Go-Getters will organize all aspects of the meal - food, paper goods, drinks, preparation, etc.
2. Each club in the county will need to pay $100 to the Extension office to help cover the cost of the Friends of 4H Event.
3. 4H families that plan to attend the meal, must RSVP by July 15.
4. The meal will be divided into two working shifts.
   a. 4:30 - 6:00 will focus on set-up and serving 4H families (this time has been reserved specifically for 4H families).
   b. 6:00 - 7:30 will focus on serving buyers and sponsors of 4H and clean-up (this time has been specifically reserved for buyers and sponsors).
5. EIGHT 4-H members are needed for each shift. Sign-up will be added to Fair Entry, any spots that remain will be communicated to club leaders and they will need to find volunteers from their clubs to assist.

Ruby Shaver made the motion, Daniel Rziha seconded. Motion passed.

Other items briefly discussed from the Family Information page included Fair Entry, Fair Volunteers, Raffle Tickets for Endowment, Premium Sale Invites, and the Commissioners Gift Baskets. If problems are encountered with Fair Entry, please reach out to extension. Fair Volunteers are needed, contact Ricky and Tristen if you can assist in some way or have questions. Clubs are responsible for selling Endowment tickets, please work with your club members to accomplish this in some way. Premium invites will be reprinted, please send these to buyers and show your appreciation through written thank-yous. Clubs responsible for Commissioner's Gift Basket will need a 4-Her to attend the commission meeting to present the gift.

New Business was discussed as follows:

The Tri-County Free Fair in Herington will be held on July 9-11; this is a good way to get feedback on your projects before the county fair arrives. Information can be found on the Chisholm Trail Extension website for entry.

Endowment Raffle tickets was discussed as part of Old Business; however, Ricky added that Endowment will give a prize to the club selling the most tickets. If anyone needs receipts for these tickets sales, contact the Extension Office.

Fair Awards were discussed in Committee Reports; however, it was added that this year’s fair awards will be personalized and presented at the Achievement Banquet. Moving towards personalized awards will reduce over-buying.

The Achievement Banquet will be held in November; it will be moved back to the Community Building in Marion.
The idea of a sponsorship drive was presented by Ricky. A sponsorship drive would eliminate the chances of sponsors being asked to support 4-H events multiple times in a calendar year. All council members were in favor of this idea and discussion ended quickly.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ruby and Noah seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by: Karsen Kroupa