

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation
March 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes
Bill Hamilton Building, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Janet Cerovski, Joe Munis, Michelle Eckhart, Karyn Hamilton, Lisa DeWitt, Luke Duran
Jana Gruber

Karyn Hamilton moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Michelle Eckhart seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Janet Cerovski presented the Treasurer's report. Janet reported that the available balance in the checking account is \$62,541.19. The sponsorship letters have brought in approximately \$20,000 so far this year; Janet has compiled a list of donors.

Jana Gruber from the Awards Committee reported that the committee has created Above and Beyond awards for junior and senior members. For this award, each project superintendent can nomination two junior and two senior members, and out of this pool of nominations, one junior and one senior member in indoor projects and one junior and one senior member in outdoor projects will be selected for Above and Beyond awards. The deadline for nominations is September 30, and awards will be presented at the County Awards Night. Jana requested that three Foundation directors be the judges for selecting the award winners. The Foundation agreed to gladly select the awardees from nominations.

Jana Gruber from the Awards Committee requested that Foundation Board Members assist in judging 4-H window displays in the coming 4-H year. The Foundation agreed to gladly assist in this judging.

Michelle Eckhart reported that there was no Council Report, as there was no meeting in February. For the Livestock report, Michelle reported that there was discussion about the Bill Hamilton and Multipurpose Buildings, as Alyssa White wanted to talk about the wash rack and potential expansions. The Building Committee will reconvene and start talking about what can be done.

Discussion was held about Montana Shares. Montana Shares has a fee of \$100+. The consensus was that the potential to be received from this was not enough to warrant the fee.

Luke Duran reported that the Foundation website is up for use at lc4hfoundation.com, so feel free to use the site to advertise and share information. Janet Cerovski set up a dedicated PayPal to go directly to the Foundation, so the site can be used for fundraising. The site collects information from every donation; every time there is a Paypal donation, an email goes to the foundation email. The website collects the donor information that can be exported to an excel file for tracking and reporting, as needed.

Discussion of Foundation By Laws was tabled until the next meeting (April).

Scholarship Committee – Janet Cerovski put an article in the newsletter regarding the Foundation scholarships: three \$1,000 scholarships, based on 4-H activities. The deadline for submitting applications is May 1. The scholarship committee members for reviewing applications will be selected in the April meeting.

For the April 5 meeting the new 4-H Extension Agent will join us at the meeting. We will have the meeting in the Extension Office, beginning at 5:30.

Secretary Lisa DeWitt