

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation
January 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes
5:30 p.m., Bill Hamilton Building

In attendance: JoEllen Wood, Jana Gruber, Janet Cerovski, Karyn Hamilton, Joe Munis, Lisa DeWitt, Jenne Caudle, Danyel Bauer, Michele Eckhart, Zoe Schneider, Erin Weisgerber

The minutes of the previous meeting were provided electronically. Janet Cerovski moved to accept the minutes as written. Karyn Hamilton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented by Janet Cerovski. Sponsorship money has been trickling in, with approximately \$4,700.00 received to date. The current balance in the Foundation checking account is \$93,929.45, with \$72,053.75 available as non-committed funds. Janet reported that she will be working with Extension on the gun safe purchase, that was approved during the previous meeting.

JoEllen Wood presented the Council report. All projects are underway and attendance at project meetings and workshops has been good. The beef project changed their policy to require beef check-in two weeks prior to the Fair, as a safety check. Rec Lab will be in Boulder in April. The Council is working with Katy Grady on setting up additional "restaurant fundraisers" to support the 4-H Council.

Bill Sullivan, Jana Gruber, and Jenne Caudle from the Council Executive Board opened a discussion about fundraising and how to ensure that Council and Foundation not have conflicting fundraising event and that fundraising is coordinate between the two groups. Council is looking for opportunities for 4-H members from across the county and across projects to mix and get to know one another, and is considering that fundraisers could be a means of achieving this. Erin Weisgerber noted that Council spent a lot of time shoring up their budget since the budget requests were more than could be supported; projects should be conducting their own fundraisers or coming to the Foundation for assistance rather than going to Council. There is a need to delineate the roles for Foundation and for Council.

Much discussion ensued around fundraising, including the following:

- Need to delineate the fundraising roles for Council and for Foundation.
- Keep an electronically accessible list of 4-H Sponsors at the Extension Office.
- Publicly acknowledge sponsors for their support through use of "proud sponsor" window clings, plaques, social media.
- Possibility of putting a "4-H wish list" on the Foundation page so sponsors could target donations.
- Need for a web-link from Council to Foundation
- Need to define an anchor fundraiser.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at the Bill Hamilton Building at 5:30 p.m. on February 7, 2024.

Lisa DeWitt, Secretary