



Marquette County Youth Organization Association

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Marquette County Youth Organization Association, Inc. April 23, 2020 6:30 p.m. Remote meeting

Members present Dave Timme, April Proeber, Susanne Kufahl, Bette Krueger, Kayla Darr, Hannah Wolsdorf, Josh Capodarco, Brenna Bays, John Kampen, John Bennett, Joanne Dalton, Richell Kufahl, Mark Groskreutz, Savannah Kufahl,

Members excused: Josh Knoch, Matt Groskreutz, Char Laney

Guests: Pat Wagner, Josh & Amanda Kuchar

Extension staff: Christa Van Treeck, 4-H Youth Dev. Educator and Jackie Stoneman, Support Staff

President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Proeber; second by Bennett; motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of March 26, 2020 meeting made with one correction: Josh Capodarco was present (was indicated he was excused); motion by Bennett and second by Proeber; motion carried.

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Kampen, second by Proeber; motion carried.

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Citizen input: None.

Committee reports:

Executive and Finance: Timme will be submitting request for county funds to Paul Van Treeck (\$12,000).

Entertainment: Proeber indicated that there was no meeting held. Rather than having a band for Friday DJ Express may be used instead depending on what happens with the fair.

Timme spoke to Ann Wenzel regarding the carnival and they are willing to come if there is a fair. Also spoke with Nick from Nick's Kid Show; he also committed even if the fair is smaller and willing to negotiate a price if need be. Timme is trying to touch base with the Escape Room.

Groskreutz indicated that the tractor pull can still move forward; however, it may not be as large as it has been. The contract is already signed.

Volunteer: No meeting was held. So many volunteers at the fair are older and they may or may not want to participate due to the coronavirus. Timmer and Kampen met and discussed many issues with the fair this year; Kampen will share suggestions he has via email.

Building and Grounds: Timme with the help of Kampen and Bennett removed boats and campers out of the large show barn so that the tree sale distribution can take place. The remaining items will be removed the weekend of April 25 and 26.

Timme indicated that there are many bleachers that need work on; he indicated that it would probably be around \$2,000 for materials; volunteers can help do the repairs when time permits. Motion by Kampen to purchase the materials necessary for the repair of the bleachers; second by Bennett; motion carried.

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Timme indicated he did some measuring on the Farm Bureau building; would like to put steel siding on it; the Farm Bureau is getting estimates for framing out the windows.

Kampen indicated that there is NO insurance coverage for the coronavirus; everything else is the same as it has been in the past.

Lengthy discussion followed on several items regarding the fair including Personal Protective Equipment for everyone; what would be needed, how to get what is needed, etc.

Promotions and Technology: Suzanne asked if rack cards should be ordered and if so, where from. All County Signs (Luke Showen) has done materials for the fair in the past; Suzanne will check with him to see what timeline he needs.

Market Animal Auction: Lengthy discussion on what may need to happen in case the fair cannot be held as usual. Several good options were discussed as well as what would need to be put on the website, etc.

Timme indicated he spoke with Travis Hamele regarding an online animal auction and if the proceeds were approximately \$100K, Hamele's fees would be approximately \$500-\$600.

Groskreutz has spoken with Brandon Meats, WI River Meats and Beck's Meats and all are holding spots for the animal processing at the date set for our county.

Action Items:

Planning for a Fair or No Fair/Deadline to Cancel Fair: After much discussion on deciding whether or not to proceed with the fair and if it does proceed, how to proceed (virtual, smaller scale, etc.), motion made by Proeber to have the next meeting be May 21 at 6:30 at the fairgrounds; second by Kampen; motion carried.

Move Fair to Another Date: After much discussion, motion by Kampen to NOT move the fair to another date; either have it be a virtual fair or none at all; second by Richell; motion carried.

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Online Auction & Judging Ideas: After lengthy discussion, Timme asked for a committee to explore the non-animal judging; Suzanne and Richell will head up the committee and report back.

Premium Books/Advertising Deadline: Stoneman informed the board the Open Class Premium Books are printed; discussion on where to have these available inasmuch as businesses that have had them out in the past are currently not allowing public in; discussion followed. Timme asked for someone to do article for Tribune to indicate where premium books could be available. Krueger, with assistance from Stoneman, will get information to Marquette County Tribune for publication.

Informational Items:

Fundraising: Some donations have come in. Discussion held as to if the fair does not proceed, options will need to be given to those who have already donated: retain the funds as a donation to the fair or keep the funds until next year's fair.

Intern: There were no applicants for the summer intern position; however, Suzanne does have someone interested who is a 4-H member and will be a senior in high school in the fall. If this candidate is chosen, the money will be paid out as a scholarship once he/she attends college; if chosen for the position he/she will be paid mileage as an expense. This will be an action item for the May meeting.

Got Talent: The State has cancelled this on their end; however, we can proceed but we would need prizes; the winner at the County level would need to perform at the State Fair in 2021. The judges from last year have agreed to participate again this year.

Report of Fair Board Members:

Official meetings held: None.

Upcoming events/issues: None

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Motion to adjourn made by Proeber, second by Bennett; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Krueger, Secretary

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