

Marquette County Youth Organization Association, Inc.

March 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m. (in person and virtual)

Members present (in person): Dave Timme, April Proeber, Susanne Kufahl, Matt Groskreutz, John Kampen, Kayla Darr, Char Laney, Victoria Wachholz,

Virtual: Hannah Wolsdorf, John Bennett, Joanne Dalton, Richell Kufahl, Bette Krueger

Members excused:

Guests: Jamie Laing

Extension staff: Jackie Stoneman, Administrative Assistant (in person); Christa Van Treeck, 4-H Youth Dev. Educator (virtual)

President called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.; followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to approve minutes of February 25, 2021 made by Krueger, second by Bennett; motion carried.

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

Citizen Input: Kayla Darr announced that she will be leaving her position as Westfield FFA Advisor and will need someone to do the hogs, sheep, and goats as she cannot do the superintendent duties. Congratulations to Kayla on her new position!

Committee reports:

Executive and Finance: S. Kufahl reported Stacy Kohn, Accounting Technician in the Administration Office at the county, completed the audit of the fair books and found \$175 in favor of the fair board; Kohn reported that she felt it was a deposit not entered.

Entertainment: Proeber announced there will be an Entertainment Committee meeting on Saturday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. "Best Practice" will be sending a contract for signing and she will also book for the 2022 fair.

Volunteer: Will need to have a meeting with volunteers prior to the fair; job descriptions are up to date and ready to go for 2021. Krueger and Stoneman will put something together to put in the paper.

Building and Grounds: Timme confirmed that boats and campers will be moved out on April 10, 11, 17 and 18; Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New LED lights were installed in the pig and sheep building; the grandstand is in the process of coming down; aluminum bleachers are removed and stacked and will be used for this year's events. Timme will be putting together a list of materials for the round barn as well as applying to Compeer Financial for up to \$3K for maintenance on buildings, etc.

Promotions and Technology: S. Kufahl reported that the website was down but is now back up; she has been working on getting vendor forms, etc. updated as well. She indicated that radio station ads would run approximately \$1,100, but members felt that in the past this was not an effective form of advertising.

Market Animal Auction: Wolsdorf reported there will be a Youth Animal and Education meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Harrisville.

Action Items: Health Dept. Recommendations: Discussion on recommendations made; Van Treeck indicated that food stand managers for 4-H food stand are licensed and inspected. Wachholz reported that the Farm Bureau will proceed as usual. Van Treeck will be attending a statewide extension meeting and will know more what is allowed for 4-H groups and staff after that date. R. Kufahl indicated she will secure containers of hand sanitizer from the Food Bank and Krueger will check with the Portage hospital for donation of hand sanitizer stations.

Carnival: Timme reported that Spectrum Carnival contacted him to request that A & P will be operating at the fairgrounds (vs. Spectrum) due to location of other events that Spectrum will be involved in. After discussion, motion by Krueger to allow A & P to operate the carnival (under Spectrum contract) and the carnival will be running until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday; second by Proeber; motion carried.

Sheep and goat weigh in: Matt Groskreutz reported this will be held Saturday, April 10 in the horse barn. Motion by Groskreutz to have pigs identified and marked by April 10; second by S. Kufahl; motion carried.

Visitors Bureau Grant: Keri Solis provided a more detailed explanation of the \$3K advertising grant for 2021. There is a maximum of five years to qualify for the grant and each year will decrease by \$500. Costs covered can be TV, radio, banners, rack cards, etc., and paid Facebook posts are highly encouraged. Solis offered to assist how to do those posts. Copies of all invoices must be to Solis 60 days after the event for reimbursement.

Fairest of the Fair: Timme indicated there was a request for the contestant(s) to come to the April meeting and do a presentation; motion by Kampen, second by Matt Groskreutz to allow; motion carried.

Premium books: The books need to be updated; all updates need to be to Jackie by April 1.

Motion by Laney, second by Matt Groskreutz that wearing a mask be encouraged and school exhibits will be allowed for entry; motion carried.

Informational Items: Timme reported that Brakebush Brothers donated \$500 and once again will donate their refrigerated trailer and provide ice as needed.

Next meeting date will be April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Services Center in Montello. Matt Groskreutz made a motion to adjourn; second by Proeber; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Krueger, Secretary