

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2023, 5:30 P.M., LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY**

In attendance: Bev and Zoe Schneider, Janet Cerovski, Lisa DeWitt, Karyn Hamilton, Erin Weisberger

The meeting was called to order by vice president, Karyn Hamilton.

Minutes of Previous (November) Meeting. Erin Weisberger requested that the spelling of her last name be corrected to “Weisberger” in the minutes. With that correction, Janet Cerovski moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Bev Schneider seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Treasurer’s Report. Janet Cerovski reported that to date, fundraising efforts have raised \$7,401.59, raising the available cash on hand at \$54,266.29. Janet contacted the State Foundation office for a report on the investment account; we hope to have a report on that account in February.

Director, Trudy Burke – resignation. It was reported that Trudy Burke, who had been voted in as a Community Member on the Board of Directors, had to resign. Nominations are needed for a replacement community member, for which the term would be 2022-2025. It was suggested that the need for this nomination be placed in the next 4-H Newsletter.

Council Budget – presentation and approval. The Lewis and Clark 4-H Council budget and request from Foundation for the 2022-2023 4-H year was presented. Council basically broke even last year, expending and bringing in about \$69,000, which includes Foundation providing council with \$8k last year. For this year, the 4-H Council estimates \$73,000 in income and \$88,000 in expenses; Council voted to accept this budget but included only a \$5,000 financial request from Foundation at this time. Erin Weisgerber moved that the \$5,000 request from the Lewis and Clark 4-H Council be approved and noted that additional funding could be requested at a later date if needed. Bev Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Accountant for Foundation and for the 4-H Council. Marilyn Dusenberry has recently retired. She has been doing our taxes as in kind work for many years. She completed our returns for this year, however, with AZ being bought out, they will no longer offer in kind support. If we stay with them, we will need to pay for these services, as well as for the Quickbooks online subscription, which was previously obtained at a discounted rate through AZ. A request for suggestions for replacement accountants or accounting firms will be placed in the upcoming 4-H Newsletter.

Website input for January – Luke Duran. While Luke was not present at the meeting, the directors discussed the information to be added to the website. For the current addition, Lisa DeWitt will provide a list of the current directors, and biographical information for directors will be added, starting with president Joe Munis.

Review and update of By-Laws. The review and update of the By-Laws was tabled until the next meeting. In the meantime, a request for a redistribution of the By-Laws was made, and Lisa DeWitt will distribute the current By-Laws to the directors for review.

Other. Karyn Hamilton reported that David Hamilton will be canvassing for tent sponsorships to cover the expense of renting the large tents for use during the fair. Asks are for \$1000 per sponsor. He was

going to talk to car dealers, etc. Foundation may want to consider being a sponsor. David should consider looking at the list that Foundation uses, to not double dip. Total rental for two tents is \$14K (\$9 and \$5).

Topics for the February meeting:

- **Updated information to add to the Foundation Website**
- **Sponsorship of tents at the Fair**
- **Revisions to the Foundation By-Laws**
- **Scholarship Committee formation**
- **Nominations for Director Community Member position**

Lisa DeWitt, Secretary