

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation

October 8, 2025

Bill Hamilton Building

Karyn Hamilton- Foundation President	Lisa Grady- Guest
Michelle Eckhardt- Foundation Vice-President (phone)	Sara Dearing-Youth Guest
Laurie Sullivan- Foundation Secretary	Tucker Selby- Youth Guest
William Sullivan- 4-H Council Representative	
Katie Grady-Selby- 4-H Council President	
Jana Gruber- 4-H Council Treasurer	
Alyssa Schmidt- 4-H Extension Agent	
Melissa Velin-4-H Council Vice President	
Emily Gulick-Guest	

Meeting was called to order by Karyn Hamilton, President, at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes were approved as printed, with no corrections.

Karyn gave the Treasurer's report. Janet had reported \$24,702.04 and \$56,327.96 in expenses with a remaining balance of \$36,275.84. Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation has \$161,000 in the MSU affiliated funds. The 4 clubs that had closed were close to the time frame where their held funds could be dispensed. The report was approved.

Old Business:

The animal scale was completed and used at fair.

Alyssa Schmidt followed up on her grant opportunities to the Foundation.

1. MJ Murdoch Grant and the Dennis Washington grant are being pursued by the county grant writer Ann McCauley. Alyssa is in contact with her to work on these grants for our 4-H community.
2. A fundraising idea brought forth by Alyssa would be a community wellness screening in partnership with St. Peter's Health. The screening would be done at the BHB in the fall with the 4-Hers helping with various tasks designated by St. Peter's health. Alyssa is still actively seeking help from Jane Woolery with this idea.

All the window clings were delivered to the people who donated to the Foundation.

Rebecca Gruber was the recipient of the Brian Wacker scholarship and Ayla Mundinger-Adsay received \$1,000 to help with expenses for her trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.

New Business:

Foundation has contributed \$100.00 to each 4-H member/adult chaperone attending the Fall leadership Training in Butte in November. The motion was passed.

Foundation elections were held for the year 2025-2026.

President: Karyn Hamilton

Vice President: Michelle Eckhardt

Treasurer: Janet Cerovski

Secretary: Laurie Sullivan

Youth Representatives: Sara Dearing

Tucker Selby

4-H Leader Board Member: Emily Gulick

Community Board Member: Lisa Grady

Discussion about the annual letter for donating to the 4-H Foundation. A new letter with bigger font and updating the mailing list was mentioned. Katie was going to reach out to Allegra and see what the cost would be to use a mailing list like the Livestock Buyers list. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Karyn Hamilton proposed a fundraising opportunity with the World's Finest Chocolate. The ambassadors could sell the chocolate at their booth in the East Helena Christmas stroll. The Foundation would pay for the chocolate, and the ambassadors would sell the chocolate and the proceeds would be split between the two entities. Sara would present this proposal to the Ambassador meeting.

Karyn Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled on Nov. 12th at 6:30 p.m. directly following the Council Meeting.

Laurie Sullivan

Secretary

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation
October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Account Income

5000	Foundation 1% from Clubs (F)	\$	305.45	
5001	Rebid Donation (F)	\$	2,740.00	2025 Livestock Sale
5002	Sponsorships (F)	\$	11,484.56	
5003	Raffle & Events (F)	\$	449.84	Resturant Nights
5004	Bill Hamilton Building Income (F)	\$	4,350.00	Rebate from NW Energy lights
5017	Donation (F)	\$	50.00	Sandra Eckhart
5024	NRA Grant (F)	\$	4,168.00	
5054	Montana Shares (F)	\$	542.14	Michelle Eckhart
5005	Club Closure (F)	\$	112.05	Until 12/2026
5101	Brian Wacker Scholarship (F)	\$	500.00	

TOTAL INCOME \$ 24,702.04

Account Expenses

6001	Building Improvement (F)	\$	37,592.00	repair damage, floor sealing, banner
6021	1% due on Club accounts (F)	\$	301.97	
6035	Project Assistance (F)			
6045	Event Assistance (F)	\$	7,151.52	Camp, Legislative Breakfast, Rec Lab, Congress
6055	Awards & Recognition (F)	\$	100.00	4-H Night at Rodeo
6075	Brian Wacker Scholarship (F)	\$	1,500.00	
6078	Assist Individuals & Family (F)	\$	700.00	Fall Training
6079	Foundation Scholarship (F)	\$	3,000.00	
6301	NRA Grant (F)	\$	4,168.00	
6319	Office Supplies (F)	\$	447.75	Letterhead, envelopes, postcards, checks
6321	Postage (F)	\$	26.88	
6323	Signs & Clings (F)	\$	385.00	
6350	4-H Council - Community Events	\$	449.84	Resturant Nights
6415	Operating Expense (F) - Secretary of State	\$	-	fee waived for year 2025
6540	Contracted Services (F) - TechSoup	\$	80.00	
	Legal & Professional Services - 990 Return	\$	425.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 56,327.96

***BANK ACCOUNT \$ 36,275.84**

*includes money held for Brian Wacker Scholarship \$ 4,685.00

*includes Club Closure money \$ 954.72

HOLDING \$ 5,639.72

AVAILABLE \$ 30,636.12

Managed Investment as of June 30, 2025 \$ 161,108.77

Club Closure - hold for club if re-instates in 2 years

October Treasurers Report – Meeting October 8, 2025

Report is for completed 4-H Year 2025. Pass around 2 copies.
No outstanding invoices. Year-end with \$36,275.84 in checking.

Explanation:

REBIDS:

Tempest Technology purchased a sheep and sent back to rebid. Montana City Meats purchased the sheep for \$5.00/lb – donating to Foundation \$580.00.

Tempest Technology purchase a swine and sent back to rebid. Capital City Drilling purchased the swine for \$8.00/lb – donating to Foundation \$2,160.00.

TRACKING CLUB CLOSURE ACCOUNTS:

hold for 2 years

10/16/2023	Red Mountain 4-H Club	\$ 356.15	10/16/2025
10/16/2023	Birdseye Outs & Abouts	\$ 206.38	10/16/2025
1/23/2024	Golden Livestock	\$ 280.14	1/23/2026
12/3/2024	Silver Creek Stock	\$ 112.05	12/3/2026
		\$ 954.72	

NEW BUSINESS:

Create 2026 Sponsor letter

Update Sponsor form

Print in Extension office – date?

Will President sign each letter or sign master copy

Date to stuff and send letters – I will volunteer to create mailing labels