

1) Call to Order by President Chad Lutsey @ 7:02.

2) Secretary's Report: Mark B. made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, Jeanne A. . seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3) Treasurers Report: Wilfred O. made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Shirley M-F. seconded. Motion passed.
General Acct. = $113,125.42
General Investments = $87,176.79 Horse Project = $9,874.01 Dairy Project =$23,123.59 STEM Project = $955.20 Scholarship Acct. = $1,850.77 Scholarship Investments = $140,610.22

4) Business:

a) **Guest Presentation –** Jenna Babcock spoke on her International Trip to Costa Rica. "At the orientation there were 22 youth from the U.S. & of that 5 youth were from Wisconsin. All the youth & chaperones met in Houston for orientation, after which they flew to Costa Rica. Things Jenna said she learned: their school year is from February to October. Their school is All outside. Her "host mom" is a teacher. The food that is most eaten there is beans and rice, LOTS of beans and rice. Jenna was in Costa Rica for 1 month. She would do differently knowing what she knows now to go there: 1) learn more Spanish, 2) be more prepared for Bugs, 3) that hiking is Fun.

b) **Recent Program share –**

i) Final 4-H Enrollment Numbers for 2022-2023: 535 youth members (increase of 8.1%) and 46% New families.

ii) Record Book Workshop: was held at the Fairgrounds and 6 people attended.

iii) The Gratitude Booth: Was a success. Approximately 300 Thank you notes were written. Lindsay had a gift for each person who wrote notes.

c) Awards Program update: One of the changes to the Ceremony will be to include a slide program and in the slides we would like to have a photo of each of the youth who went on a Trip Experience and a description, have them stand in place if they are present. We would also like the Ambassadors to come onstage as a group and introduce themselves and say their club. We would like the individual Club to stand in place as their Community Care and Pride Awards are announced.

d) Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation Charter Goals: 1) Youth Demonstrations, including All trip experiences = the goal is to have 6 youth give demonstration over the course of 1 year. **2)** Goal is to get more people to participate in the Leaders Federation meetings. We would like 26 more bodies. Action plan: **i**) get the Agenda out earlier, **ii**) Keep sending out invites to all 4-H families and send it out earlier, **iii**) get the minutes out sooner, **iiii**) Encourage each Club to name a representative from their Club to come to the Leaders Federation meeting, **iiiii**) Have Free cookies at the Leaders

Federation meeting (and advertise it), **iiiiii**) Set a ping on phones for the 4-H Facebook page. Lindsay will send out a Survey asking "Who is your Club Representative"?

e) Food Stand Update: We need to work on getting a new 2 door cooler, a 3 door cooler, 2 door upright freezer, and a couple commercial pizza ovens. We also need to see about running at least one additional circuit to the kitchen with more outlets. The Total Profit from the food stand this year was $12,836.99. Bobbi Jo wrote up a summary for us that included some suggestions for next year: **i)** about 236 Volunteers helped inside and outside of the Food Stand. **ii)** The "sign in process" should happen *Outside* the kitchen next year and include a brief training. **iii)** Sign ups next year should have a Max of 14 bodies in the kitchen at a time. If that means larger Clubs split their workers into 2 – 2 hour shifts or a separate 4 hour shift depending on the ages of the youth being included. **iiii)** Bobbi Jo would also like to work on trying to get more donations from the community for items or to use to purchase items.

f) Any other business: Elections of Officers- Mark B. made a motion to maintain the current Leadership, Jeanne A. seconded. Motion passed. Chad L. made a request of Matt B. to continue as Treasurer. Matt B. accepted the appointment. Mark B. was asked to "please find a copy of the Constitution and a copy of the By-Laws for the Polk County 4-H Leaders Federation" so that Lindsay's office can have a copy on file.

5) Wilfred O. made a motion to adjourn. Jeanne A. seconded, meeting adjourned.

- Next meeting is November 20th at 7:00 pm at the Justice Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Miller-Frey

Members Present: Chad Lutsey (Pres.) – Beaver Brook Badgers, Wilfred Owens (V. Pres.)- Indian Creek, Shirley Miller-Frey (Sec.)-Northern Lights, Matt Babcock (Treas.) - Shooting Stars, Oliver Bauer – Northern Lights, Karrie Melin-Swenson – Cushing, Jeanne Alling – South Milltown, Adelle Babcock – Shooting Stars, Mark Babcock – Little Butternut.
Guests: Morgan Anderson – Northern Lights, Jenna Babcock -Shooting Stars, Linda Owens – Indian Creek

Staff: Lindsay Spindler

