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1) ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Taylor, Donna Wojtysiak, Bob Clogg, Tom Vincent, Kent Renn, Alan Thueme, Tim Warchuck, Mark Pedersen, Chris Ruemenapp, Mike Tomasek, Scott Hill, Nate Havens, Jacqui Rabine, Lori Warhcuck, Linea Burch, Liz Pennazoli, Bernie Dudek, Kim Hetzel, Rob Uskakowski.
Excused: Colleen Provost.

Guests: Kristy Hardy, Dawn Nowicki, Megan Tomasek, Morgan Gardner, Jason Mikolayek.

2) AGENDA

Request to add robotics and Radio First to the agenda. A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by S. Hill to approve the agenda with those additions.

Motion carried.

3) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Dawn Nowicki and Morgan Gardner are requesting permission to set up a robotics demonstration in the Visitors' Center all week in lieu of where the library usually sets up. Apparently library did not set up a display in the Visitors' Center as in years past. D. Wojtysiak will check on their 2019 exhibit and whether they plan to set up in 2020. Suggesting use of Ag Education tent and Visitors' Center for the day and will invite 12 middle school teams, usually a normal event brings 32-48 teams. Suggestion made that the adult exhibits go home on Friday night. Hold off on advertising until a decision is made on location availability.

Radio First's Jason Mikolayek offered to donate his services unrelated to his job to us in setting up a publicity plan, as his way of giving back. He can offer suggestions on the best way to utilize our dollars. Discussion held about radio approach, other festivals or fairs in the area, and advertising in other mediums. WSAQ, WBTI have remotes in the back of the fairgrounds. Suggestion of riding the rides during the broadcast, have kids do the commercials. Danielle Palin is their graphic designer and does their website.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report sent out. A motion was made by C. Ruemenapp, supported by A. Thueme to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

Motion carried.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT

There is one buyer left to pay from the livestock sale of \$772.20, plus interest. There's a big crack in the wall, wet and cracking again. L. Burch texted Ron, haven't heard from him.

7) MSU EXTENSION

This weekend we had a team go to Selfridge and programmed to military children and had 13 adults and 6 youth, all day event, and Tim arranged for us to go see the A-10, tour with the crew chief. Still finishing up background checks, moving into the new years and Teens have New Year's party on the 31st at Trinity Lutheran Church on Griswold and 10th. Regional shooting sports training in February. Linda Taylor heading up hunting and wildlife part on Feb. 1 and 2nd at 4 Square. Council Auction in February. Leaders' Roundtable to be held on January 21st here

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at Goodells. We're down 84 youth and outreach was up about 1,000 contacts, need to recruitment and retaining clubs and members to be the focus. Offering some leader training in the future. Jacqui is facilitating ACES on February 11.

Request to send content and pictures to the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page. Afterschool programming is wrapping up with the two in the fall, Palms and Gardens left, and Belle River and Washington in April and May.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) AG EDUCATION

Meeting tomorrow at 6:30 at fair office. We have a blow up archery range that we own and it's a lot of fun too and utilize that also at the fair.

b) AWARDS

Committee met and discussed changes as far as ribbons and trophies, discussed banners and proposing bigger banners for Grand and Reserve market animals and small banners for Grand and Reserve gilt and barrows. Discussed ribbons, not ordering anymore specialized ribbons, steer, rabbit, and having 4-H grand and reserve for everything. A lot of project areas not handing them out correctly. Banners will be in place of trophies. Received request from fancy birds, 37 additional plaques or trophies and ribbons, making it equal to what rabbits give out, however only Bernie has that list. Request to add best game bird, each breed, adding trophies and ribbons. Looking at mini rosettes for clover sprouts at convention.

c) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Don't know where the grants stand. Mark Brochu contacted L. Warchuck and he said they're looking at estimates for posts/perma columns for the horse barns and grant dollars not existing and if available they would match that.

d) CRATER

No report.

e) ENTERTAINMENT

Linda Taylor has connected with Detroit Lions and Roary, spoke to community relations, cost of Roary is \$175 an hour and he comes on Tuesday afternoon, brings posters, autographs, etc. Confirmed about 96% one of the Lions legends can come if we sign a contract. Capac Warriors and league in Yale will partner with us. Potential legend may be Lomus Brown, Jason Hanson or Cory Sweigler and confident one or more would come and do motivational presentation, positive youth impact involvement. Youth football leagues are in awe of NFL player. Flip side, if we sign contract their marketing department will start promoting it. They would help us advertise their presence and permission to use their logos and host a Lion afternoon, wear their jerseys, another batch of kids to draw. We have him slotted 2-3 p.m. now. Once we sign the marketing starts. A motion was made by M. Pedersen, supported by T. Warchuck to sign the contract for \$366 for 3 hours and advertise for 2 hours.

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Linda Taylor is working on an author on Wednesday who has been an illustrator for many years, not as well known as Johnathan Rand, presenting and her program includes a Power Point, reading visuals, live sketching and art project. She is very animated and energetic, empathetic. Are your Stars my Stars, \$500, Penguin Books, her own book out in January. Based on children and how they see the color in their eyes, preschool to 8 year old group. Heidi Woodward Sheffield from Northville. We could also have a Scholastic book fair at the same time. You get scholastic dollars out of it, purchased back into buying books and donate to Mid City Nutrition. She cannot sell books here will have to go through a book store. Posters and bookmarks and drawings for the kids and special give away. Cost is \$500 for 2 hours and she will send us her biography, poster and books. A motion was made by C. Ruemeanpp, supported by A. Thueme to sign the contract with her for \$500.

Motion carried.

- f) FACILITIES
No report.
 - g) LIVESTOCK
No report. Ordered MDARD tags for pick up at convention.
 - h) PARKS AND RECREATION
Mark Brochu was asked about chloride. R. Usakowski will call him.
 - i) PERSONNEL
Gabrielle Romero resigned as swine Superintendent.
 - j) PUBLICITY
A meeting will be set up to meet with Jason Mikolayek.
 - k) SPONSORSHIP
Signed holiday greeting cards tonight for our sponsors and they will be mailed tonight. Sponsors need to secure their spots with a deposit on 1-15-20 in order to be locked in, 50% balance before we publish for them. Committee will meet January 6th prior to convention.
 - l) SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPMENT
Committee to meet after the holiday. Emailed out superintendent handbook, everyone should review again for any additions or changes.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
None.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
- a) BABY CHANGING TABLE
Someone offered to donate a baby changing table. There are some in the Visitors' Center. Storage and cleanliness discussed. Decided not to take the table, should be something Parks puts in their bathrooms as a matter of course for them.
 - b) BOB BLUMERICH

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Bob was injured by his bull, broken ribs and in the hospital.

c) WOODCARVER

Bob Clogg confirmed with the woodcarver the dates for 2020.

11) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by B. Clogg to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary