

4-H Executive Council Meeting
January 10, 2009
9:30 am
County Extension Office

Present: Cathy Palczewski, Stacey Lelm, Mitzi Johnson, Pam Aberle, Karen Hook

The group began by brainstorming ideas of things that should be changed with the 4-H program in Burleigh County to offer improvements. Suggestions included:

- ✓ Consolidate programs
- ✓ Leaders on committees—attend the committee meetings
- ✓ Committees all meet prior to Council meeting, submit a typed report at the Council meetings and present an oral summary
- ✓ Define “Council”
- ✓ Encourage parents/leaders to attend Council meetings
 - Personal contact
 - Postcards to all leaders
 - Club representative to share at meetings
 - Hoping to help build the program
 - Hoping to allow clubs more ownership

Committee Assignments and consolidations:

Executive Council recommends the banquet for leaders be eliminated and thus the elimination of the Banquet Committee. Suggestion was given to use those dollars to broaden the FUN NIGHT for the 4-H youth at which time the bankers would be invited and activities planned to create a more “FUN” night for the youth. Donations from the banks will help to organize the activities for the 4-Hers. Leaders will still be presented certificates, allowing 4-H youth and parents to put faces with names. Fun Night would then eliminate the individual club member awards, and keep the presenting of trip awards and other top awards. The slide show will remain a part of the event. The Fun Night committee will work on putting the evening together. Bismarck Rotary Club will provide the evening meal.

Executive Council will encourage and recommend that clubs plan their own Awards Night aside from the Rotary Fun Night. Clubs will be able to pick up their packets on Fun Night which will contain the individual club awards for presenting at the individual club awards night.

Also recommended are the elimination of Family & Consumer Science committee and the Fundraising committee be inclusive with the 4-H promotion committee and not the chuckwagon committee.

Committees for 2008-2009 4-H Year were reviewed. Leaders that did not sign on at the Council meeting were added by the Executive Council. The Chairperson of each committee will be given a list of committee members with e-mail addresses/phone numbers. Committees will be expected to meet at least once prior to the next scheduled Council meeting. Cathy agreed to review and adjust committee duties as needed. See complete list of committee members attached.

After extensive consideration, the executive committee recommends moving the Static Exhibit Achievement Day from August 8, 2009 to July 11, 2009. This will be a one year trial and be revisited in the fall.

A Rummage Sale at the County Extension arena building is planned for March 20-21. Sale will begin at noon on Friday and continue till 8:00 pm on Saturday. Both 8'x8' and 10'x10' spaces will be available for rent. One dollar admission will be charged to the public to enter the building. Each booth will be given 1 table, 2 name tags, and 2 chairs. Eight foot space will rent for \$10.00 and ten foot space will rent for \$15.00. Club members will be given first opportunity to rent space.

It was recommended the word "Leaders" be removed from the title 4-H Council Leaders Meeting in an effort to encourage attendance from 4-H parents at the Council meetings.

A club challenge was discussed toward uniting 4-H clubs with Community Action for a food drive at the extension building. Thinking about February 22 as a date. More discussion later.

The Executive Council suggests that a Barbecue Family Night Picnic be planned for all clubs together at the Menoken Grove. It was suggested that the Menoken Grove is also available for clubs to hold other events if they so choose.

Meeting again on January 15 prior to Static Committee meeting to develop floor plan of the arena for the Rummage Sale.

Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by Karen Hook

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