

**Council Meeting
June 1st
Laurel Baptist Community Church**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08

Attendance were; Matthew Moeller(President), Michelle Williams, Janel Black(Treasure), Rosie Kerkvliet (Representative of Pails and Trails), Vicki Strand (Thunderbird 4-H) , Taylor Slocum(Secretary), Brenda Dunford, and Mike Wallace

Minutes were read from the last meeting and accepted by the council.

Treasurer's Report:

The total amount in checking is \$8,915.21, the total in savings is \$6,281.74, and there is about \$3,000 dollars in the 'Strengthening Families' program line item. The council has \$106 in record book checks that were not cleared, we questioned if check recipients did not find their checks in their record books, or they lost them. It was proposed that we set a new deadline for July 6th. The kids are to be notified that their checks are invalid. The idea was also proposed that instead of three dollar checks, the kids receive a coupon for a free ice cream or the like.... This was voted and passed.

Extension Report

Office staff are reporting very low club enrollment numbers this year. The group discussed possible reasons why club numbers were dropping so much. Michael said that the Promotions Committee was going to be exploring that as well, and he would have recommendations for the Council in the August meeting. Michael explained the difference between a Group Enrollment (for one-time events) and club membership enrollments. A club is required to have a minimum of 6 contact hours per youth per year.

Michael procured a \$5,000 dollar gift from the Eleanor & Henry Jansen Foundation to assist in hiring a Program Coordinator, and after presenting to the Whatcom Community College Business Club (WCCBC) received another \$400.00 gift for Council. Michael is asking for clubs interested in partnering with students from the WCCBC on entrepreneurial projects to contact him.

Old Business

The Scholarship committee selected Holly Jones as the 4-H scholarship winner. Holly wrote a letter to the council, thanking them for their support.

The 5th Grade Forest Tour Committee worked very hard since last November and this year *tripled* the number of students attending the tour. 663 students in 4 days, \$1000 grant from Sierra Pacific for buses.

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The Trello app did not get used. Janel suggested we just bring the Award board to the meetings to work on.

Michael said the promotions committee had been formed and their first meeting was scheduled June 4th. Recommendations to Council will be made at August meeting.

New Business

Brenda Dunford. Is hosting another record book workshop on June 18th 6:30 to 8:30, at her house

Michael stressed that good partnerships require about 7 personal contacts per year. Continuing contact with 4-H RB Fund Sponsors: Rosalie K will contact Wendy Eickmeyer. Taylor will contact P.E. M. Brenda wanted to contact People's Bank, Janet Armstrong to say thank you for the Leader of the Year award, and said she would also contact Larson Gross (Wendy E.)

It is time to establish a committee to build the job description for the 4-H Coordinator. Michael is inviting leaders to volunteer to serve on this committee. Brenda Dunford volunteered to serve on the committee. The Jansen Foundation money will help to pay this person. Michael said we need a very "outcomes specific" plan for the coordinator. The county has offered to begin assisting in Extension mileage reimbursement. This Coordinator is going to be hired in January. The council also discussed Super Saturday and how, if it were to come back, would we organize it. Rosie Kerkvliet brought up the Cattleman's Winter School site, and how easy it was to use their enrollment system. Michael said he would check with Joan Devries in Skagit County to find out more about their enrollment system

Janel Black proposed that the council help host a presentation on bio-security before the Fair. She also proposed that we ask the State Veterinarian (Amber Idle) We would approach the fair to donate a space for the meeting. The motion was carried by the council.

The council also discussed the 4-H picnic. County Partners reps volunteered their club and Brenda said Pails and Trails would be willing to help as well. The picnic is going to be held in October at either Semiahmoo or Hovander Park. The rental budget is \$200 dollars.

The council approved an application sent by Critters and Company's Mindy Weese and Kristy Harting, asking for a grant of \$75 dollars to support a clinic for meat and dairy goats on June 20th.

Michael shared info about the Blue and Green Parade, and the Burundi Africa 4-H outreach project.

Officer positions opening for 2016-2018, Vice president, Executive Chair, and Treasurer. If you are interested please contact Mike Wallace.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05