

LAWRENCE CO. LEADERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019 – 6:30 PM
Public Library, Whitewood, SD

Present: Michelle May, Raye Brown, Kindra Gordon, Roxie Tetrault, Sandra Limmerick, Mary Pochop, Christy Eastman

At 6:43 p.m. Raye Brown called the meeting to order; Opened with 4-H and American pledges.

No written agenda was presented. Kindra provided written copies and read the Feb. 25, 2019 secretary's report. Roxie provided a verbal treasurer's report with a balance of \$5086.87; she explained this balance has increased since the last meeting because of interest from several bank CDs. Mary moved, Sandra seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Short discussion held on programming updates, led by Michelle May:

- several judging contests have been held during Feb/March/April; this has also included public presentation events with 4-H youth participating
- an art canvas workshop was held
- a take-and-bake workshop was held
- a special foods workshop was held
- YQCA trainings have been held
- upcoming in May is a Cloverbud Camp; May 18 at Northpoint church

At the Feb. 2019 Mary Pochop had submitted a request for \$25 toward the \$50 fee for renting Countryside for the March 6 public presentation/judging event being hosted in Spearfish. She reported that Crow Peak Valley Rangers Club paid \$25 and Michelle May provided county funds for the other \$25; therefore the request from Lawrence County Leaders was no longer needed.

Regarding County Fair, discussion included the following announcements:

- Fair Board will finalize 2020 fair dates at their May 6 meeting; previous Redwater meeting vote indicated support for the first August weekend dates.
- A grant has been received to update the second concession stand area
- Danika Gordon was announced as the winner of the Fair Book cover art contest.

Michelle reported that based on the multi-county YQCA meeting that was held in early April the state 4-H office is considering the feedback that was given, with a focus on finding sponsors in the future to possibly cover testing costs. They are aware of the request to eliminate the YQCA requirement at the county level. They are also working with those with disabilities to be able to accommodate them for the training/test.

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle reported she had a request for 4-H to take over the Creekside (Elementary) Garden. Some discussion was held, with the consensus being this would be a big commitment, possibly too big for 4-H at this time. Suggestions were to find others to be involved including Master Gardeners, BHSU, Kids Club, teachers, Food Pantry.

Michelle reported that State Shooting Sports in Pierre is April 26-28 with 100 Butte-Lawrence youth expected to compete.

Raye announced that Whitewood Library is having a Flag Day event on June 14 and 4-H youth are encouraged to get involved with this event.

Michelle shared that June 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. there is also a goat workshop/tour at Pavel's farm near Whitewood.

Additionally, announcements were made about upcoming events:

- Camp Bob Marshall, Custer in June
- Teen Leadership Camp at SDSU in Brookings in June
- Barn Quilts June 26 at the Fairgrounds

Roxie expressed the possibility of hosting a livestock judging school at Tetrault Ranch in later June. Kindra shared copies of the Butte-Lawrence Judging Team policies (established in Dec. 2017), this policy states that livestock teams were to be established in April. The group reviewed and discussed the policy and expressed that a new committee should be formed at the next Redwater meeting to review and determine updates to the judging policies and ensure they are added to the handbook and awareness about the policies is shared with all B-L 4-H families. Kindra suggested perhaps for this year the livestock teams could be established at this time as set forth by the current policy; then if there are open spaces on the teams, those who complete their second livestock judging school by attending the Tetrault's June event could qualify to be on the state team for Brookings in September. No voting action was taken; these issues will need to be presented and discussed at the May Redwater meeting.

The next Redwater meeting will be at 6 p.m. May 7 in Belle Fourche. Representing Lawrence County will be: Mark Heine, Melissa Sleep, Roxie Tetrault, Mary Pochop, Raye Brown and Brandee Vavruska with Maia Pochop as the youth representative.

Next meeting will be determined based on needed business items.

Respectfully submitted, Kindra Gordon,
Secretary, Lawrence Co. Leaders