Grand Traverse County 4-H Youth Leaders' Association
4-H Council

The Grand Traverse County 4-H Leaders Association "4-H Council" is the advisory body of the overall 4-H club program. All the Grand Traverse County 4-H club program groups are an extension of the 4-H Council.

Monday, July 18, 2011

Present: Paul Grayson, Doug Burwell – Robotics and Technology Club
Rosalie Shaffer – Noah's Ark
Renae Stachowski, James Hubbell – Food Booth Chairs
Melissa Lindsey – Exhibit Building Chair
Roxanne Johnson, 4-H staff

Treasury Report –
With the reorganization of MSU Extension statewide there is a need for the Grand Traverse 4-H Council to appoint a volunteer treasurer. The 4-H Council treasurer is currently kept in the Grand Traverse MSU Extension account and managed by the Office Manager and Grand Traverse County accounting. If you are interested in this volunteer role, please contact Roxanne at john3422@msu.edu or (231) 922-4825.

Fundraisers: 4-H Food Booth - $3569.89
TSC Paper Clover Campaign - $321.10

Current balances: 4-H Council – $7174.71 ($8837.08 opening balance on January 1)
4-H Food Booth startup funds - $780 (Northwestern Michigan Bank)

Expected bills: Exploration Days balance (~ $1033)
Year End pins (~ $342)
Scholarships (~ 900)
Exhibit Building (~ $500)

To ensure its financial safety and longevity, it is advised that the council should try to hold on to some of the remaining account balance for future emergency purchases or special projects. To accomplish this task future spending should be prioritized and a budget followed each year.

Some of the changes recommended:

- Discussion on value of year end pins – only covers years 1-5. Should it continue? How many clubs use it? Staff give a report at next meeting.
- Scholarship allowances (to be further discussed by scholarship committee):
  - Registration costs will continue to be covered up to 50%.
  - Summary form is confusing, list actual reimbursement amounts instead of maximum submissions to be paid at a fraction. Suggestions:
    - Food reimbursement - $10 per event registered person per day.
    - Mileage reimbursement - IRS charitable driving rate (.14 per mile) and only for trips over 100 miles each way. Vehicles counted will be based on seating capacity.
    - Hotel costs not to be covered after October 1, 2011.

Bank Accounts –
A new food booth bank account will be opened to make the accounting system a smoother process. The Grand Traverse County 4-H Leaders bank account will be held for other 4-H Council business.

Signers on both accounts will be Renae Stachowski, James Hubbell, and Roxanne Johnson. Gayla Brief will be removed from the 4-H Leaders bank account since she is no longer active on the Council.

4-H Club Report –
As of 7/18/11 Grand Traverse County has 39 official clubs registered. This includes 665 youth and 153 adults.

Reminder –
If your email or mailing address or phone number changes, please let Pat Swanson know! Email her at swansonp@msu.edu or call (231) 922-4623. Thanks!

Face-to-Face Meetings for 2011

October 17 – annual meeting

All meeting are held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the
MSU Extension Grand Traverse office.

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