

Converse County 4-H Foundation  
Annual Meeting  
January 6, 2010  
Minutes

The Annual meeting of the Converse County 4-H Foundation was called to order by President, Duane Siebken. Board members present were Duane Seibken, Rena Valentine, Jewell Reed, Marlon Schlup, Mary Alice Hand, Kathy Roberts, Frank Henderson, Karen York, Tansey Sussex & Sarah Stoltenberg(appointed secretary).

Guests in attendance were Earl Reed, Merrit Harris, Corey Everett, Amy Sonenson, Wade Utter, Lindsey Utter  
The meeting of the Converse County 4-H Foundation was called to order by President, Duane Siebken.

The Board reviewed and approved the annual Treasurer's report present by Jewell Reed, a motion was made to approve the report by Jewell Reed and was seconded by Frank.

Merit Harris presented the investment report. (attached) His suggestion was move Growth Funds to Income Funds to reduce risk with in American Funds or use advisory solutions account.

Sarah presented the minutes of the 2009 meeting. Kathy moved to accept the minutes and Mary Alice seconded. Motion carried.

Tansey presented a 4-H Agent Report – Attached

Members of the Converse County Fair Board came in front of the board with a request of \$5000 to help with expenses for the County Fair. The funds would go towards Lunch at the sale, awards, advertising, non-4-H Awards, entertainment. At this time Frank made a motion that the Scholarship amount for 2010 would be \$400 and the remainder of the scholarship money could be redirected to the County Fair project for 2010. The motion was seconded by Jewell and passed.

Scholarship Deadline – The idea of changing the scholarship deadline was discussed as the Extension office has been able to close over the Christmas break making it a concern about allowing adequate time for youth to obtain an application and return it on time. Rena made a motion to have the scholarships due on the second Friday in January with the board meeting on the following Tuesday. The motion was seconded and carried. Also the completion requirements for projects have changed and are not consistent with the application. Marlon made a motion for the application to also state that a member must now have a Silver or Gold status or equivalent to be eligible for a scholarship, the motion was seconded and carried.

Officer Nominations- Terms expire for Marlon Schlup and Kathy Roberts. Frank made a motion to renew the terms for these board members as well as retain the officers for another term. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Mary Alice mentioned asking Brendon Grant if he would be interested in serving on the board as a vacancy has been left by Brenda Hemberry.

Scholarships –

Frank made a motion to grant 12 scholarships in the amount of \$400 each. The motion was seconded and carried. (An additional scholarship was received after the Board meeting that did meet the requirements, bringing the total to 13 scholarships)

The following students received scholarships;

Johnna Grant, Scott Boner (Akers), James Roberts Michelle Lee (Coe), Bridget Addleman, Pam Harmeyer(Daniels), Emily Schroeder (Francis Reed), Stephanie Schroeder (Erin Reed), Casey Geho, Teasa Nauta Ryan Lee (Leischer), & Kyle Haar. Scholarships in ( ) are presented to individuals based on donors requests of education fields or 4-H project area.

The meeting was adjourned by President Duane Seibken.