

Converse County 4-H Foundation  
Annual Meeting  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Minutes

The annual meeting of the Converse County 4-H Foundation was called to order by President Rena Valentine. Members present were Duane Seibken, Rena Valentine, Jewell Reed, Marlon Schlup, Kathy Roberts, Frank Henderson, Sarah Stoltenberg, Sheri Blackburn, Karen York and Brendon Grant. 4-H Agent Tess Steingrebe, UW Extension Educator Ashley Garrelts, Merrit Harris and Earl Reed were also in attendance.

Jewell presented the treasurers report. Duane made a motion to accept the report as given, Marlon 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Merrit Harris of Edward Jones presented the investment report. Based on the current report we are at low risk. His suggestion was to stay the course and possibly add Global Bond funds. Marlon made a motion to form a committee to make an informed/researched decision on shifting of funds/investments. Frank, Brendon and Marlon will serve on this committee.

Sarah presented the minutes of the last annual meeting. Marlon made a motion to approve the minutes, Duane 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Sheri Blackburn presented a report and request from the Fair Board. Kathy made a motion to give the fair board \$2500, the motion was resended.

Duane made a motion to grant 8 scholarships for \$500 each for a total of \$4000, Brendon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.

Jewell made a motion to give \$1625 to the fair board. Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.

Tess gave a 4-H Program report. 111 members in the program and 74 leaders with 2 new clubs. Board Nominations were discussed. Terms for Rena Valentine and Jewel Reed expire. Duane made a motion to reappoint both members for additional terms. Marlon 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried. Marlon made a motion to retain current officers for another term, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane and carried. President – Rena Valentine, V. President – Kathy Roberts, Treasurer – Jewell Reed turning over the Brendan Grant, Secretary- Jointly by Sarah Stoltenberg and Extension Office Promotion and communication about the 4-H Foundation was discussed. It was suggested to have a Foundation member or presence at Achievement program, a sign at the Market Sale and more promotion throughout the year.

Recipients of the scholarships are:

- *Sharissa Blackburn (Leischer)*
- *Kyle Farley (Daniels)*
- *Tanner Nauta (Erin Reed)*
- *Hayden Barker (Coe)*
- *Jamie Geho (Akers)*
- *Michelle Lee*
- *Ryan Lee*
- *Pamela Harmeyer (Francis Reed)*

Meeting was adjourned by President Rena Valentine.