



Converse County 4-H Foundation
Annual Meeting
January 17, 2017
Converse County Extension Office
approved Minutes

Board members present: Duane Seibken, Rena Valentine, Marlon Schlup, Beverly Reed, Kathy Roberts, , Brendon Grant, Betty James, Stacey Etchemendy

Advisors: Frank Henderson, Sarah Stoltenberg

Guests: Merritt Harris, Jewell Reed, Karen York, Ellie Capelle, Andrea Moffat

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rena Valentine.

Merritt Harris of Edward Jones presented the financial investment report. (attached) He suggested that we stay the course as he sees no reason to make changes at this time.

Darion Mooren was not able to attend the I Dare You conference that he had previously requested funds. The funds were not issued to him, so they remain in the treasury.

Brendan Grant presented the treasurers report. (Attached) Beverly Reed made a motion the file the treasurer's report for Audit, Marlon Schlup seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stacey Etchemendy gave the 4-H report stating there 183 enrolled 4-H members and 40 enrolled volunteers. There are static workshops being offer, weekly horse riding and lots of project meetings scheduled. County Fair dates are July 14-22.

The Fair and Market sale report was presented. 59 animals were sold for a gross of \$104,807. The 4-H Foundation will receive \$8,361.08.

Marlon made a motion to renew terms for Brendan Grant and Duaine Seibken. Bev seconded the motion, motion carried. Kathy Roberts made a motion to nominate Ellie Capelle to fill the vacant board position of the Glenrock Leader, she accepted the nomination, the motion passed and carried. Bev made a motion to retain the current officers, Duane 2nd, motion carried. Officers are Rena Valentine – President, Kathy Roberts – Vice President, Brendan Grant – Treasurer, Sarah Stoltenberg/Stacey Etchemendy (jointly) Secretary.

A new idea was presented to establish a permanent "Leadership" account that youth and adults could apply for to include in and out of county leadership opportunities. The fund will be funded with the Memorials contributions from Linda York as well as the unclaimed funds from Darion Mooren. Brendan Grant made a motion to form such permanent account with \$700 from the unclaimed trip funds, and a \$100 donation from Jewell Reed, Beverly Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed and carried. Approval was received from the York family to add the Memorial funds from Linda York to this permanent Leadership account.

Scholarships

A letter was received from Layne McGuire apologizing for not cashing his scholarship in a timely manner and also stating that he has received his 2016 scholarship. There was question as to whether he had received his scholarship as his check had not been cashed. The issue appears to have been resolved.

Scholarships –

16 Applicants have met the criteria. Beverly Reed made a motion to grant 16 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Marlon 2nd. Motion passed and carried.

Recipients are:

Logan Barker
Ashlie Blackburn
Leslie Blackburn
Annie Case
Morgan Hayes
Jacey Hays

Ashley Parker
Echo Sonenson
Jake Logar (Akers)
Breanne Farley
Dillon Farley (Leischer)
Kyle Lee

Kira Johnson (Francis Reed)
Britta Paris
Jessie Walker (Erin Reed)
Bobbi York

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rena Valentine.