

MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Services Center, Montello

Members present: Dave Timme, Susanne Kufahl, John Bennett, April Proeber, Hannah Wolsdorf, Emma Huber, Bette Krueger.

Members excused: Char Laney, Matt Grosskreutz, Brenna Bays, Mark Groskreutz, Addie Williams, Jamie Laing, Richell Kufahl, Victoria Wachholz, Joanne Dalton.

Member not present: Alex Klapoetke.

Staff present: Jackie Stoneman, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Char Bennett.

President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda by Krueger; second by Bennett; motion carried.

Motion by S. Kufahl to approve minutes of August 25, 2022, meeting; second by Bennett; motion carried.

S. Kufahl gave treasurer's report; \$36,265.95 in accounts; final number from fair is -\$498.78 Motion by Krueger to approve the treasurer's report; second by Bennett; motion carried.

Citizen's input: None.

Committee Reports:

Executive and Finance: S. Kufahl reported the website for the fair board is coming up for renewal.

Entertainment: Krueger has secured a horse pull for Sunday entertainment (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.); they would like a \$5K purse; Krueger will secure donations for the same. S. Kufahl has forwarded the proposed contract to the insurance company for approval. S. Kufahl has a contract with the polka band for Sunday entertainment again (\$875 for three hours, possibly 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.); both of these items are action items for October. S. Kufahl has been communicating with Brakebush again for sponsorship and will work with Gussied Up on correcting error from 2022 fair. Timme will contact Jesse Knutson to send contract for the bull riding for 2023 fair. Matt Groskreutz will be sending contract for the Saturday night tractor pull.

Volunteer: See Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Building and Grounds: Timme reminded all that the boat/camper storage dates are October 8 and 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; S. Kufahl reported, at this point in time, they are 50% full. Timme reported he went to the meeting for the fairground "reinvention"; many exciting improvements to happen.

Promotions and Technology: S. Kufahl reported that renewal of the website is soon.

Market Animal Auction: Wolsdorf reported that a market animal intent form was sent with approximately 43 families responding, a survey also was sent out with 15 responses, mostly positive comments. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville fire station. Weigh-in dates for beef will be December 10; sheep and goats will be April 15 and hogs will, once again, be online.

Action Items:

2023 budget (per diem/mileage): S. Kufahl will revise the proposed budget (for county administration) for 2023 due to the fact that the cost of some bleachers was paid by the fair board; the budget will be increased to \$29,500 and will include a separate line item for bleacher rental.

Chrome Books during fair: S. Kufahl reported that R. Kufahl spoke to Montello Schools and there will be chrome books available for use during the fair.

Fair garbage/recycling: S. Kufahl reported that R. Kufahl has been in contact with Mr. Thays, a teacher at Westfield schools, to see if students would be interested in helping pick up garbage and recyclables during the fair.

Display cases: S. Kufahl has done extensive research on display cases for the exhibit building. Through Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Round Up program, it is possible to get a \$10K donation, \$8K of which would pay for the custom-made cases, and the remaining \$2K be used to put wheels on the bottom of each for easy mobility. Motion by Krueger to spend \$8,049 for 16 display cases and the remaining balance to be used to put wheels on the same; second by Bennett; motion carried.

Horse pull: Tabled until October.

Volunteer appreciation dinner: Proeber contacted Good Old Days Resort and October 30 at 4:00 p.m. a buffet style meal of chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, soup and salad will be served. Motion by Proeber, second by Krueger to approve the same; motion carried. J. Stoneman will work on the invitations for volunteers.

Informational/Discussion only:

Westfield FFA position: Discussion on the Westfield FFA advisor position.

Other open positions: Krueger will send a notice to the Marquette County Tribune regarding the date of the annual fair board meeting and invite new potential members.

S. Kufahl reported that the District Three meeting will be held October 18 at the Sauk County fairgrounds; registration is at 9:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.; RSVP is due by October 10.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20 at the Services Center in Montello. The annual meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Proeber to adjourn; Krueger seconded; the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Krueger
Secretary