

Ashland County Leaders Meeting

November 7, 2016 Minutes Ashland County Court House

Roll Call: Jennifer Nortunen, Phoebe Kebec, Liz Wabindato, Elissa Riemer, Gina Pearce, Jerry Moore, Doug Liphart

Secretaries Report: Not available

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$6,633.50
Savings Account: \$1,110.70
CD: \$6,451.11

Old Business:

- Member Evaluations (ME's)
 - 5 kids interviewed for educational trips and conferences on October 26th
 - Interview committee: Stephanie LaPointe-Bakker, Tom Kovach, Ann Christiansen
 - Awards:
 - Kieren Nortunen: State Youth Conference in Madison
 - Viddy Wabindato: Space Camp in Alabama & Arts Camp
 - Erik Van Horn: International Exchange – Japan
 - Bella Wabindato: National Congress in Atlanta & State Teams/Conference
 - Solon Lutz: Winter Camp, American Spirit
 - Solon applied for American Spirit West, but that isn't going to happen next year, so he's going to be offered American Spirit East
- 4-H Enrollment & Club Charters
 - Still missing lots of members that need to re-enroll
 - We still have paper forms if people really can't do it on-line. Just ask Amy.
 - Still missing leaders too.
 - Most of the charters are in
 - Doug is doing 990 IRS postcards this week – they're due Nov. 15
- 4-H Ambassador Kick-Off
 - There were about 12 ambassadors at the Kick-off at Doug's house
 - They carved pumpkins, ate dinner and had a short meeting
 - They discussed activities they would like to do this year and planning a summer trip.
- Achievement Night & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – *Saturday, November 12th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center from 5:30 – 7:30 pm*
 - Ambassadors will provide the main course & host the event. Ambassadors will meet at 3:00 at the Visitors Center to start setting up.
 - After the volunteer appreciation dinner, we'll go right into Achievement Night.
 - Water bottles will be given to kids who turned in record books this year.
 - We still need more photos for the slide show. Please send them to Amy by Thursday.
 - Attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert to share & to RSVP.

- Also, please vote for Volunteer of the Year if you have not yet done so, by sending your vote to Amy.
- Alumni Award: Doug will talk to Jen about it.
- Doug gave a shout out to Amy Tromberg for her commitment to our mission and clubs. She really does go above and beyond the call of duty on so many occasions, “running hard all the time.” Thank you Amy for all you do for our kids!!

New Business:

- PLO Officer Elections for 2016-2017
 - Vice President – Liz Wabindato was elected as Vice-President on 6-0-0 vote.
 - Secretary – Pam Ekholm was re-elected as Secretary on 6-0-0 vote.
- PLO Meetings – The 2016 – 2017 PLO meeting schedule was confirmed:
 - January 9 - 6:30 pm at Ashland County Courthouse
 - February 6 - 6:30 pm at White River Town Hall
 - March 6 - 6:30 pm at Mellen
 - April 3 - 6:30 pm at Ashland County Courthouse
 - May 1 - 5:30 pm at White River Town Hall
 - June 5 - 6:30 pm at Mellen
 - July 10 - 6:30 pm at Ashland County Fairgrounds
 - August 7 - 6:30 pm at Ashland County Fairgrounds
 - October 2 - 6:00 pm Ashland County Courthouse
- 2016 - 2017 Record Book Completion Promotional Item
 - Some ideas for giveaways to students who complete their record books: gift cards, money, water bottles, t-shirts, drawstring backpack, park blanket, umbrella
 - Let’s ask the kids at Achievement night what they think would be good
- Volunteers for the following Committees:
 - “Future of 4-H” Committee: helps set guidelines, does rule changes at a formal level
 - Members: Jen
 - “County Events” Committee: plans different activities over the year, including something for adults
 - Examples: Mid-winter getaway, food contest
 - Members: Pam, Sara, Denise, Phoebe, Jerry, Liz

Adjourn: Elissa moved to adjourn. Second by Gina. Meeting adjourned at 7:40

- **Next Meeting** – January 9nd at 6:30 pm at the Ashland County Court House