

## ***Ashland County Leaders Meeting Minutes***

**August 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm / Ashland County Fairgrounds**

***Meeting Called to Order*** at 7:00 PM

***Present:*** Becky Mika, Gina Pearce, Elissa Riemer, Josh Polencheck, Jessica Peltonen, Doug Liphart, Jennifer Nortunen, Margaret Oliphant, Liz Zwetow, Zoongee Leith, and Liz Wabindato

***Secretaries Report:*** None Submitted

***Treasurer's Report:***

- Checking account: \$4,395.62 Savings account: \$112.50 CD \$5,554.72
- The state conference scholarships and Bella's Norway scholarship have been paid out. The state conference bussing has been paid out.

### ***Old Business:***

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- Reminders: Elementary Adventure Days 2018
  - Mellen Rock Climbing – Wednesday, August 22nd from 11 am – 3 pm
  - There are still spots open if kids want to sign up.
  - Three ambassadors will be helping out.

### ***New Business:***

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- Ashland County Fair: August 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Dairy Bar
    - Does any club need training before their shift?
      - Liz said Rezberries would like some training because they have lots of new families. Jennifer said she'd make sure someone would provide training.
    - Food & Supplies
      - Gina said we are again using locally sourced meat this year. Doug pointed out that he thinks that's a good selling point.
      - Elissa said Bill Polencheck will be bringing the buns.
      - Gina said strawberries are more expensive this year than we've seen in the past.
      - Liz said Rezberries is going to sell buttered noodles during their shift again this year. She's bought all the ingredients and is ready to go.
      - We are not doing the ice cream sundae coupon again this year.
    - Sign up for Shifts - <http://signup.com/go/EwmaUEr>
      - All clubs have been assigned shifts that are broken into 3 hour blocks.

- New this year, we're trying an on-line sign-up sheet. Families can sign up for one of their clubs' shift blocks. If that doesn't fit, they can sign up for another clubs shift if they need help.
  - Right now, Thursday doesn't have any clubs assigned to cover the Dairy Bar. It will be manned by people from various clubs who have signed up using the on-line sign-up website.
  - Please encourage your families to use the on-line sign-up site.
- 4-H Building:
  - Check-in assistants: We could use some help at Thursday's fair entry drop off. The busiest time is after 3:00 pm.
  - Exhibit organizers: Jen could use a few extra hands to help organize and set out the entries.
  - Awards of excellence: We have a few local awards.
  - State awards: there are some statewide awards as well
  - Check-out time: Items need to be picked up on Sunday after 4:00 pm.
- Fair Booth Prize Money
  - Jennifer proposed new award amounts for this year: 1st: \$40, 2nd: \$30, 3rd: \$20, 4th: \$15. Everyone agrees this is a good idea, but they're currently short of cash to meet those goals.
  - Gina moves that PLO donate \$17 to make up the shortfall. Becky seconds. Motion carries.
- Pie Auction
  - Will be held after the Market Sale on Saturday, August 18th
  - This is an important fundraiser for us. Last year, it raised \$2,349 and that was down from 2016 which was \$3,620.
  - People bring in pies and the kids walk them around for people to bid on.
- Pancake Breakfast will be held from 9 to 11am on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Bingo will be from 1 to 3pm on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 4-H Member Appreciation – After you've picked up your exhibits on Sunday, stop by the Dairy Bar for free ice cream. Also, the remaining inventory from the Dairy Bar will be on sale for 4-H families to purchase at cost.

***Added Agenda Items:***

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- If you have flowers, bring them to help decorate the fair.
- Advertisement: Jennifer will run the paper insert about 4-H just before the fair, including dates of the fair.

***Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.***

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- ***Next Meeting*** – October 8th at 6:00 pm at the Ashland County Courthouse – will include Record Book Check