

PORTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2023

Location: Porter County Administration Bldg, 155 Indiana Ave, Rm 102A, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Executive Board Present: Tammy Cox, President; and Meagan Ferguson, Vice President and acting Secretary.

Representatives Present: Ryan Wilson, Liberty Sunsetters Adult Rep; Sandi Russell, At-Large; Kyle Russell, At-Large; Lee Ann Brewer, Center Wildcats Leader; Scott Krzyzanowski, At-Large; Sheila Lucas, Center Homesteaders Leader; Andrea Lucas, Center Homesteaders Member Rep; Justin Higer, At-Large; Daryle Keller, At-Large; Rachel Jackson, At-Large; Judy Jackson, Center Wildcats Member Rep; Jeff Russell, At-Large; Ryan Schilmiller, Hebron Boone Busters Leader; Stacey Taylor, Center Wildcats Member Rep; and Kathy Wilder, Liberty Hot Shots Leader.

Others Present: Bob Wichlinski, Lori Staack, Cyndi Morgan, and Cathy Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Tammy Cox. Meagan Ferguson to act as Secretary for this meeting.

PLEDGES

Justin Higer lead the Pledge of Allegiance while Tammy Cox lead the 4-H pledge.

AGENDA

Scott Krzyzanowski motioned to approve the Agenda as presented; Ryan Schilmiller seconded; all in favor. Agenda approved.

MINUTES

Daryl Keller motioned to approve the May 2023 minutes as presented on the 4-H blog; Scott Krzyzanowski seconded; all in favor. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammy Cox advised Rachel Jackson has tendered her resignation, special election to be held tonight. All fair and camp expenses have been paid. Budget to come with new treasurer.

EXTENSION REPORTS

A. JUNIOR LEADERS

Andrea Lucas advised elections are to be held next month and the micro pantry is to be installed October 6 and 7 at Sunset Hill.

B. AG SOCIETY

Next meeting is Thursday, 9/21/23.

C. EXTENSION BOARD

No update.

D. EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Jennifer Myers is in training this week. Tammy Cox advised Jen would like to do a Trunk or Treat at Sunset Hill on October 14th. After discussion, it was determined this would be a great task for Junior Leaders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE

Meagan Ferguson advised the End of Summer Bash was well attended despite the weather and many people liked the idea of moving it around the County and doing different things.

B. AWARDS

Daryl Keller to e-mail awards committee to determine if any changes need to be made to the process.

C. BUDGET

Tammy Cox advised budget to be provided, updated upon new Treasurer taking over.

D. CONSTITUTION

Nothing to report.

E. RULES

Tammy Cox advised request for changes and updates have been sent to Superintendents and the Rules Committee will be meeting on 10/18 to review.

F. WAYS & MEANS

Tammy Cox advised that Ellie Gorski is willing to continue with the spring fundraiser; however, discussions are being had regarding a revamp of the fundraiser. Tammy further advised that the winter fundraiser, wreaths, has been turned over to the Washington Wiz Kids as a club fundraiser.

Kathy Wilder motioned to accept the Treasurer, Extension, and Committee Reports; Cindy Morgan seconded; all in favor. Treasurer, Extension, and Committee Reports approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fair Review

Tammy Cox reported no grievances were filed at the fair.

B. Fundraisers

Tammy Cox asked Rachel Jackson if she would continue to move forward with planning area fundraisers with restaurants, etc and Rachel agreed to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lego Robotics

Cathy Williams requested the Council purchase 4 new tablets for the Lego Robotics Spark Club as the old tablets are no longer supported. Cindy Williams is to determine what her exact needs are to run the programs, locate new or used tablets, and advise the Council of same. Tammy Cox advised there is a budget to support her request.

B. Trunk or Treat

Tammy Cox questioned whether anyone knew of a place where we might be able to hold a Truck or Treat of our own in or around the North County to spread awareness in a highly underserved section of the County.

C. Special Elections

Heard introductions from Treasurer candidate, Bob Wichlinski, and Secretary candidate, Justin Higer. No other nominations from the floor. Be it hereby known that Bob Wichlinski is hereby appointed Treasurer and Justin Higer is hereby appointed Secretary of Porter County 4-H Council. Any and all financial institutions or investment firms are to remove current account representatives and add Tammy Cox, Bob Wichlinski, and Meagan Ferguson as account representatives.

D. Vice President Regular Election

The regular election for Vice President will occur at the November meeting. E-mail the Council stating your interest in the position.

MAKING THE BEST BETTER

A request was made for publication of a list of superintendents with contact information.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Next council meeting to be held November 21, 2023 at 7pm in Room 102A of the Porter County Administrative Building.

There being no further business, Scott Krzyzanowski motioned to adjourn the meeting; Cindy Morgan seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

APPROVED: _____
Meagan Ferguson, acting Secretary