The February meeting of the Reno County 4-H Council was called to order by President Connor Blubaugh. The Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge were led by Blake Griffith of the Nickerson Clovers.

Roll Call: Buhler- 0

    Haven- 3 youth 1 adult

    Mitchell- 1 adult 1 youth

    Nickerson- 2 youth 2 adult

    Ninnescah- 2 youth 1 adult

    Thomadora- 1 youth 1 adult

    Trailblazers- 0

    Union Valley- 2 youth 1 adult

    Western Reno County- 0

 The October minutes were read by Vice President Blake Griffith, minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer’s report was given by Tucker Schlatter we had an ending balance of $22,931.27, the treasures report was approved as read.

Connor Blubaugh gave a report on the last fairboard meeting and the fair schedule.

For the agent report, Adam mentioned that Club Days will need to have hosts for each room. There are 4 rooms available for Club Days, and 4 clubs on the committee, so each club (Buhler, Haven, Union Valley, and Western Reno) will need to have volunteers sign up to cover from 8am – 6pm. Please have club leaders send these signups to Adam so he knows who is helping when.

Connor gave a report on the Ambassadors club. They are looking for sponsors for t-shirts, so please contact a member or Karolyn if you have any ideas.

Old Business: Tucker brought up that we needed to reconsider the county t-shirt. The company we had worked with was not licensed to print the official logo. As a result of getting their license, the rate per t-shirt increased to $7.55 each. Donna reported that the number of member t-shirts had increased to 306 due to new family enrollment. Brayden moved to approve the new price and quantity, keeping the same design. Kyler seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Donna reported that camp prices had increased to about $400 for 3 days and about $900 for 6 days, and that the council may want to consider increasing the scholarship they offer. Discussion considered previous prices of camp and that in the past the council offered $30 scholarships. A suggestion was made for $75, since that would still be less than what council had previously supplied in scholarships. Currently, only 4 members have signed up for camp. Taylor Kessinger made a motion to increase the scholarship to $75, Braydon seconded. Motion passed.

Cassie talked about brainstorming community service ideas that the committee could use to plan a county wide project. Discussion included a river clean up project around Carey Park, Food Drives for area food banks, and working at the Soup Kitchen. Other ideas could be given to the community service committee or sent to Adam or Donna.

Blake discussed two options for a county wide activity at The Alley. Option 1 was $23 per person and included 2 hours of bowling, bumper cars, and pizza. This would leave The Alley open to the public. Option 2 would cost $4,500 total but would reserve The Alley for only 4-H participants from 2-5 pm. Activities would include bowling, bumper cars, laser tag, and arcade games. Pizza could be purchased for $5 each additionally. The council discussed the options. Kyler moved to go with Option 2, Braydon seconded. Braydon moved to amend the motion so that members could bring a friend, and not to purchase the pizza, Taylor seconded. The amendment passed, then the motion passed.

Donna shared that Gene Griffith had recently passed, and asked the council to consider sending flowers, establishing a memorial, and/or sending a card to the family. The council discussed options and costs. Taylor made a motion to spend $30 on flowers, Brayden seconded. There was discussion that $30 may not be enough for green and white carnations. Taylor moved to amend the motion to allow up to $50 for the flowers, Tucker seconded. The amended motion passed.

Announcements were read. Our next meeting will be April 25, 2022 @ 7pm at the extension office.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kyler seconded. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

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Connor Blubaugh, President Emmie Stallman, Secretary