

Executive Officer Meeting

1/26/17

The Dawson County 4-H Council officers: Tana Canen, Marnie Rau, Tanya Gobbs and Connie Udem met at DCC Coffee shop at 4:00 on January 26, 2017.

Tana discussed her goals for the 4-H leaders. It is her plan to incorporate leadership training into Council meetings. She stated eventually a requirement for those who apply to become a leader is to have training prior to becoming a leader. The state is working on modules that will be available for online training. Some of the training Tana hopes to include personality trait identification for self and others; project interests and abilities. Tana has talked to Greg Boehning (fire extinguisher service) and plans to talk to George Lane about fire extinguisher training for this spring/summer.

In March, an online program will be initiated "Raise a Hand", which is a method of identifying former 4-Hers within our county/state. Tana reported the state receiving the most former 4-Hers and leaders enrolling in this program would be awarded \$25,000. It is the hope of the state to identify new leaders available to help with 4-H programs throughout the state.

April 21-30 has been designated Week of Service, which is an Ambassador sponsored activity. Tana suggested local clubs plan a service project and report it during that week.

Tana has received more information about the Leader's Forum, September 29, 30, and the morning of October 1. She has talked to the DCC College President and he has offered the college and his food service to provide meals. We could use the old gym and also other rooms for breakout sessions. He had also given an idea of a general speaker, a paralyzed barrel racer. Tana has shared this information with Josee—extension agent for Richland County who will head up the event planning. Dawson can McCone County is also in charge of the Youth Development. Tana has sent some tour ideas: Dinosaur Museums, Baisch Dinosaur Dig, to Josee and Bruce. We are also to come up with a theme.

We reviewed the current by-laws and decided to utilize the State 4-H Council bylaws, as they represent the council better than the current by-laws that are more for individual clubs. Marnie agreed to type these up and present to the council meeting on Monday. Suggestions made to

include in the by-laws is to include the officers would have two-year terms; President and Vice President elected at same time, with Secretary and Treasurer the next year.

Tana presented a letter she had drafted to the State 4-H Foundation concerning the criteria for selection of scholarship winners at the State level. It was noted GPA weighed heavily on selection of recipients, with less emphasis on involvement in the 4-H program and leadership skills used throughout 4-H career. The executive committee agreed to present letter to the council and have those present sign the letter also (Executive committee signed already) (Copy of letter attached to minutes.)

Tanya suggested having 4-Hers purchase their project books, and if their project were completed, the 4-Her would be reimbursed cost of book. Also, if the 4-Her chooses not to continue doing project, and returns book, cost of book would also be reimbursed. Connie also suggested if a family has issues with paying costs of books, that family could use books and return when done with project, this would be at Jackie's discretion.

Meetings for the council were set 6 times a year: November (Achievement Day), January, March, May, August (fairground cleanup) and September. The next council meeting will be Monday, January 30, 2017 and then March 14, 2017 at 6:30.

Connie Udem, Secretary