

Minutes of the Nokesville 4-H Club Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, March 12, 2010
Time Called to Order: 7:30pm
Place of Meeting: Nokesville Church of the Brethren
Number of Leaders Present: 9
Number of Members Present: 32

Call to Order – by Club President Marie Lerch at 7:30pm after completion of our community service.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Calah Puryear **4-H Pledge led by:** Maddy Evans

Camp Cloverbud: Cloverbuds were dismissed to attend Camp Cloverbud, where they worked on presentation skills.

Secretary's Report: Jackie Nguyen read the minutes and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Evan Nguyen reported the following: beginning balance: \$2,349.95, income of \$68.92, expenses of \$53.41, leaving current balance of \$2,365.46 as of January 2010. Money Minute Tip: Remember to save your coins – they can really add up to a lot of money over time.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Jackie Nguyen read off March birthdays.

Song Leader: Tess S. and Nora F. led us in a song called 'On Top of Spaghetti'.

Committee Reports: Evan reported that the Poinsettia & Pecan fundraiser raised \$494.44 for our club.

Officer Reports: *Safety & Logistics Officer*-Jonah read through the list of rules to be followed at all meetings (rules that were suggested by 4-Hers at our January meeting). Jonah also reported that we made 71 Haiti Hygiene kits. Tonight we made Easter basket centerpieces for residents of Potomac Place assisted living facility, and Easter goody bags for the children at SERVE. *Reporter* - Libby wrote an article about our community service, which was published in the Journal Messenger. *Historian* – Jesse & Julia will be doing a scrapbook and would like two pictures of you (and your horse if you have one) and some details about you, like your 4-H projects and interests. Pictures may be emailed.

Leader Reports: Mrs. Brennan reported that budgetary issues remain for 2010. There is a possibility that we could lose our 4-H office in Prince William County, so we hope our 4H'ers can speak at the Board of County Supervisors meetings. Mr. Covington requests that we attend the 03/25 Town Hall Meeting at Bristow Run ES (7:30-9pm) where the county budget will be discussed. Mrs. Arnold announced details about Presentation Day – we are all expected to participate in this event. Other county-wide activities: State Capitol Day, Share-the-Fun, Fashion Revue, embryology egg orders, 4-H Northern District Contest, Fair Camp registration, and State EquiSmartz Contest were discussed; additional details are on the 4-H website. Mrs. Guber asked for donations for the Nokesville Day Yard Sale (5/15) – no clothes/textiles please. First collection of items will be 04/26. This is our way to give back to the NCoB where we meet for free. Mrs. Owsenek reminded parents to volunteer for county events and to help out at our county office.

Project Reports: Mrs. Lerch announced the Go-Kart project has started demolition of donated engines, and is meeting on Saturdays from 3-5pm at the Children's Barn. They will have someone come in to talk about welding, as well as a mechanic to assist with the engines. She also announced the embryology project, starting after Easter, which is open to all 4-Hers and will take place at the Lerch's home. Mrs. Arnold congratulated the Horse Club kids for how wonderfully they have done in competition. Mrs. Lackey thanks all 4-Hers for their help with community service and appreciates the great example we set for others. Mrs. Sandberg reminded everyone to be working on portfolios.

Old / Unfinished Business: Evan talked about the "Fun-raiser Committee" and found volunteers to help (Sara Lackey, Julia Bain, Libby Arnold, Autumn Yohn, Jackie Nguyen, Calah Puryear, Anya Owsenek, Tess Sandberg, Jonah Lackey, and Nora Ferante). Fun-Raiser committee will work via email to identify basket themes to raffle on Nokesville Day.

New Business: Anya needs 4-Hers to sign-up to do presentations at our general club meetings, see her to sign up. Marie indicated that our current Health Officer needs to step down, therefore, Haley Brennan was sworn in as our new Health Officer. Jessie Longhi moved that we get a new American Flag for our club meetings. Libby Arnold seconded the motion. The club discussed the size and cost of the flag (\$50) – motion was unanimously passed. Evan Nguyen, as treasurer, will be responsible for purchasing the flag.

Recreation: The recreation was part of our Program (below).

Program: We broke up into smaller groups and played our recreation game, which was to talk about an object in front of our group to prepare for presentation day. We also reviewed a public speaking handout and created a topic and outline for what we want to talk about at Presentation Day.

Meeting Adjourned: Libby moved to adjourn the meeting, Autumn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is on April 16th.