**Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 6th, 2022, 7:00pm**

Present:

Jenn Olson, Chair

Terri Besch, Vice-Chair

Erica Neis, Secretary

Nancy Leisgang, Reporter

Julie Lohman, At-Large

Lauren Hanson, Youth Chair

Ava Armstrong, Ambassador

Bella Mitchell

Kiana Mitchell

Gemma Leisgang

Mary Grace Lohman, Youth At-Large

1. Jenn called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. Pledges were led by Ava A.
3. Secretary’s Report was read by Erica N. – Hard copies of the November minutes were made available. Ava A. made a motion to approve the minutes from November, seconded by Bella M. Motion passed.
4. Erica N. read the Treasurer’s Report
   * + - November Beginning Balance: $25,830.40
       - November Ending Balance: $25,831.00
       - Lauren H. made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Kiana M. Motion passed.
5. Horseless Horse Program
   1. Committee Members: Erica Neis, Grace LaVictor, Bobbie La Victor, Lyra Harvey
   2. Possible Committee Leaders: Donna Ciciva, Lydia Ciciva, Pam Seidl, Steve Lundeen
   3. Julie L. stated that Wisconsin Equine will do tours for 4-H. She will get more info on that, including maximum numbers. This might be a great option for winter/early spring for either all of JCHP or just HH.
   4. Committee Responsibilities:
      1. Planning Activities for HH members
      2. Matching kids with buddies
      3. Oversight
   5. Jessica to host HH Day once membership is closed (TBD)
   6. Terri B. mentioned trying to put together tack/show clothes for HH members. Julie suggested a May meeting in which people can bring donations or items they would sell for low cost for HH members first, but then open to JCHP youth, as well.
   7. Jenn will call HH members before the January meeting to encourage them to attend.
   8. Julie suggested possibly asking Cheyenne McCabe’s mom if she’d be interested in leading the committee.
6. Tack Sale
   1. Sunday, January 15th
   2. Angela is chair, Terri and Jenn are co-chairs
   3. Set-up on Saturday from 3-7pm
      1. Need signup genius for volunteers – Kiana thought that Angela might be making one.
      2. Pizza for those who help
   4. The board discussed possible options for other clubs/projects that might be interested in running the food booth. Masonic Lodge did this last year and does not want to do it again. FFA? Boy Scouts? Could Kim send an email asking for any clubs that would like to do this? We need to know what all is involved. Jenn will call Fair Park and get info.
   5. Jessica will run the JCHP Booth
   6. Need volunteers for take-down after the event on Sunday.
   7. Ava will put together an email reminding JCHP youth members about the tack sale, the need for volunteers, and that they can bring items to sell at the sale.
7. Youth Mentors
   1. Bella, Ava, Lauren, Katie, Kynzie, Stella, Cassidy, Gracie, Kiana
   2. Ava will set up a zoom meeting and let everyone know about it. The group will come up with an activity for the January meeting.
   3. Responsibilities include being a point of contact for new members and being assigned to a family or two.
8. Ava, Bella, and Kiana gave a recap of the Horse Leader Conference. Youth could choose between several sessions in each time frame to attend. They attended a variety of sessions: crafts, driving, etc. They then attended a District Meeting, Youth Board Meeting, and State Meeting. The following day, they went to the UW River Falls farm area and attended sessions on breeding/reproduction, parasites, etc. They all felt that the experience was a lot of fun and very beneficial. They hope that more youth and an adult board member attend next year.
9. Vaccination Clinic
   1. Jenn will check with fair park to check availability.
   2. Ava will contact Dr. Breisch (Jenn will text her the contact info).
10. Point Cards
    1. The board discussed options for other incentives/points: Drawing at every meeting? Drawings at the end of the year? Tokens throughout the year for a final drawing? Extra tokens for educational and volunteering? “Fish bowl” at each meeting/event to put the tokens in? Extra tokens for participating at meeting? Board members could give extra points when they see a youth go above and beyond?
    2. Julie has lots of colored cardstock and can design something. Different colors for attending meetings, participation during meetings, volunteering, fundraisers, education, MNLs…
    3. Final Decision: “JCHP PONY POINTS” for attending meetings/events and doing fundraisers. $20 drawing after each meeting, bigger drawings at the end of the year.
    4. Bella made a motion to approve Pony Points in place of the Points Card, seconded by Gracie, approved.
11. Julie asked that everyone try to get at least one basket for the silent auction at the Tack Sale. The board agreed that every board member is responsible for one silent auction basket (made or donated).
12. JCHP Jacket/Windbreaker Order – discussion tabled until January.
13. Other business:
    1. Bella mentioned that we should invest in mesh barriers for the big doors at the fair park.
    2. There is a thank you note from Pam Drewek – Jenn will try to bring it to the next meeting.
    3. Jenn suggested an activity date for JCHP members (i.e. tubing/sledding at Cascade mountain in February). Jenn will look into Sunday, February 26th.

Motion to adjourn by Erica, seconded by Jenn. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

The next board meeting will be January 3rd at 7:00pm.

The next countywide meeting will be January 17th at 7:00pm