

Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation
March 23, 2020

Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation Meeting was held March 23, 2020 virtually.

Virtual Attendance included: Brady Streckfuss, Jeff Kraft, Melody Arnold, Toni Brown, Mark Sturgell, Erika Tibbs, Luke Williams, Jeremy Couch, Melissa Koehler, Mindy Mosley, Tyler Beals. Extension Staff: Doug Harlan, Peggy Mechling, Trinity Johnson

At 5:30PM CST, Doug Harlan welcomed board members in virtual attendance and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting were presented for review. A motion was made by Melody Arnold and seconded by Erika Tibbs to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The March 23, 2020 Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation Financial Report was distributed. Hickory Point Checking Account hard copy information was distributed; itemized expenses and deposits. Investment Fund information was provided. Financial report as follows:

Checking Account Balance		\$10,457
Soy Capital Bank Funds		
Cash/Amazon Smile	\$10	
Warren Meyer Scholarship Fund	\$13,162	
Naomi Cody Scholarship Fund	\$,7165	
Hawbaker Leadership Fund	\$22,063	
College Scholarship Fund	\$16,552	
Land of Lincoln Scholarship Fund	\$3,107	
Undesignated General Funds	\$347,538	
Hartwig Scholarship Fund	\$97,554	
Carolyn Mason Memorial Fund	\$3,302	
Total Foundation Funds		\$510,454
Total Balance		\$520,911

Due to recent downturns in the market, it is likely that the investment account has lost most of the gains it saw during the past two years. Fundraising will be vital. A motion was made by Luke Williams and seconded by Tyler Beals to accept the report. The motion carried.

Scholarship Committee Report:

Haley Ferrill, Scholarship Chairperson was not in attendance. Toni Brown gave an update on scholarship applications. Four total applications were received, with two being likely candidates depending on eligibility. There will likely be no physical presentations of awards, which will likely mean more time to award scholarships.

Fundraising Committee:

The board is looking for a new head of the fundraising committee. Mark Sturgell will be reaching out to individuals to find a new one. The letter to potential donors has not yet been sent out. It is typically done in March or April every year, and typically generates approximately \$5,000 annually. There is the possibility the letter may be pushed to June this year due to ongoing COVID situation.

Board Development Committee:

The board development committee also needs a new chair. Mark Sturgell will be sending out an email with criteria of what would be expected of a board development committee.

Awards Committee:

Jeff Kraft gave an update on the awards committee. Mary Joe Stewart is a potential candidate for the Hawbaker Award, and an application is being processed. Discussion was held regarding Amy Lehman's potential award ceremony.

Other Business:

The 2020 proposed foundation budget was presented to the board. The proposed budget is showing an \$18,500 shortfall due to some conservative projections and a large contribution to the DeWitt County fairground donation. Income projections for the grain wagon and the letter campaign were conservative due to previous years performance, but with upside potential. Luke Williams made a motion to accept the budget, with Toni Brown seconding. The motion carried.

The extension budget agreement calls for a \$7,500 contribution to the unit for both 2020 and 2021. Luke Williams made a motion to approve the \$7,500 contribution for 2019-2020, and Toni Brown seconded. Motion carried. Luke Williams made a motion to approve the \$7,500 contribution for 2020-2021, seconded by Jeff Kraft. Motion carried.

A request for \$250 was made to continue to purchase a CSA box from Maddox Farms. The food is used by Caitlin Mellendorf, a nutrition and wellness educator, to prepare food and promote it on youtube. Toni Brown made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Tyler Beals. Motion carried.

A request was made by Trinity Johnson to purchase chrome books to use in conjunction with Google's "Coding Our Community" initiative. The program teaches computer coding to local students. The total request is for \$1,500.00, which would be used to purchase 10 Google Chromebooks for these students to utilize. Luke Williams made a motion to approve, and Melody Arnold seconded. Motion carried.

Doug provided an update on the DeWitt County Fairgrounds. The bathroom facility walls are up, and plumbing was being worked on. Roofing and door materials have been ordered. They were on track to finish by May 1st, but there is the potential that the COVID situation has potentially pushed that back. The DeWitt foundation is on track to donate an additional \$5,000 of funds which should be sufficient to finish the project.

The next meeting will be held May 18, 2020 virtually at 5:30 PM.

Luke Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Erika Tibbs . Motion carried.

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Brady Streckfuss, Secretary