

Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation

March 25, 2019

Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation Meeting was held March 25, 2019 at the University of Illinois Extension office, 3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd., Decatur, Illinois 62521.

Attendance included: Melody Arnold, Brian, Artime, Toni Brown, Jeremy Crouch, Evan Hall, Jeff Kraft, Pete Skeffington, Brady Streckfuss, Luke Williams, Extension Staff: Doug Harlan. Legal council Lindsey Weiss. Dan Enos and Tyler Stotenborough to present.

At 5:30PM CST, Board President, Evan Hall welcomed board members in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 28, 2019 were presented for review. A motion was made by Jeremy Crouch and seconded by Jeff Kraft to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The March 2019 Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation Financial Report was presented by Luke Williams, Treasurer. Hickory Point Checking Account hard copy information was distributed; itemized expenses and deposits. Soy Capital Investment Fund information was not available. Financial report as follows:

Checking Account Balance		\$19,391
Soy Capital Bank Funds		
Cash/Amazon Smile		
Warren Meyer Scholarship Fund		
Naomi Cody Scholarship Fund		
Hawbaker Leadership Fund		
College Scholarship Fund		
Land of Lincoln Scholarship Fund		
Undesignated General Funds		
Hartwig Scholarship Fund		
Carolyn Mason Memorial Fund		
Total Soy Capital Foundation Funds		\$404,000
Total Balance		\$423,391

A motion to approve the March 2019 Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation financial report was made by Toni Brown and seconded by Melody Arnold. Motion carried.

Scholarship Committee Report:

Haley Ferrill, Scholarship Chairperson was not in attendance. The application window deadline has closed, with a total of 2 applications received. There are plans to review the application process with the intent to increase the number of applications received in the future.

Fundraising Committee:

Brian Artime, Fundraising Chairperson reported on fundraising efforts. A letter is to be sent out April 15, 2019, to a list of possible donors. The upcoming 2019 Farm Progress show was discussed. The foundation will be getting their own warming tables to assist with the food serving tent. The intent is to buy new. The set up at our tent will be changed this year to increase the overall efficiency. The rental rate for the lot will not increase.

Nominating Committee:

Two new board members have joined the organization, Tyler Beals from Archer Daniels Midland and Pete Skeffington from Skeff Distributing.

Other Business:

Raber's Meats will be providing the Foundation the meat again this year for the Farm Progress Show.

A vote was held regarding the Macon County Extension Budget Agreement for 2019. The 2018 arrangement was for a \$7,500 payment. It was discussed and agreed that it would be the same for 2019. Luke Williams made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Brown. Motion carried.

Doug Harland presented three grant requests: 4H Scream Robotics Fee (\$100), CSA Insider (\$340) and 4H Fair STEAM Chat Winners (4 25\$ gift cards totaling \$100). The board chose to vote on all three requests in unison. Evan Hall made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff Kraft. Motion carried.

Dan Enos and Tyler Stotenborough presented updated information on the DeWitt County Fair's request for assistance in construction of facilities. There are three phases being planned for their county fair grounds: Phase 1 - Cattle building, Phase 2 - Handicap accessible bathrooms, and Phase 3 - a building to house General Projects. The new buildings are necessary due to the combination of the Piatt, DeWitt, and Macon County Fairs by the year 2022. Our foundation has agreed to consider pledging up to \$10,000 towards the construction of the bathroom facilities, which as a total projected cost of approximately \$50,000. Our pledge is contingent upon further review of the construction plans and receipt of a bid from the builders. Luke Williams made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Brown. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held June 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Toni Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Crouch. Motion carried.

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Brady Streckfuss, Secretary.