

VOLUNTEER MEETING #8
MAY 18, 2009
MINUTES

These minutes reference the numbered items from the agenda of the same date.

1. Linda Lucero will take minutes.
2. Be sure to check folders for paperwork from Vera.
3. The volunteers have been doing an excellent job of meeting the 5 p.m. office deadline.
4. Problem with Adobe Acrobat. Please be patient!
5. If the University releases funding money, our position will be near the top of positions to be filled. However, our concern now is the 90% funding at the county level. Currently county projected revenues are down and each position is frozen. In the very near future you will be asked to contact your county commissioner and/or your county manager. We will come back to this topic later in the meeting. In the meantime, the Altoona Eagles scarecrow made it to the museum. Lake County has 220 volunteers with 780 members. These are numbers that need to be included when you contact the county commissioners. Also, we have three additional sources of funding: the camp trust (about \$5,000 in scholarships); 4-H Foundation (about \$5,000); David Ayers/Shooting Program (about \$5,000 for sport shooting clubs). We receive an additional \$15,000 in funding from other sources. The amount the county invests in 4-H is small compared to the huge return.
6. District Events went very well. About 9-10 kids are advancing to state competition.
7. We need to clarify that the camp scholarship program does NOT include camp counselors. It only includes CIT's and campers. The reason for this was because it was determined that the older kids in counselor roles had more opportunities to make money to pay their way for camp. However, after adjusting funding amounts, we figure we will be able to award about \$50 for each counselor as scholarship money. Lou is trying to organize a car wash to raise more scholarship money for counselors. If you are interested, please see her.
8. Vera will have the records books ready for pick up by the volunteer judges at the camp orientation meeting on Tuesday, May 26. If you would like to pick them up earlier, please be sure to call the office to make sure they are ready. The books must be returned by the leader's meeting in June.
9. Congress registration is \$220. Deadline is May 29. Competition day is Tuesday of that week.
10. There may not be as many trophies as in the past because of a lack of funding. Feel free to make donations if you desire.
11. Carla is leaving at the end of June, as is Deborah. Juanita is going to be the acting director as of 7/1. Deborah will volunteer through awards night and get calendar set for the next year. The hope is that the retirements will strengthen our position to get a 4-H extension agent. Deborah will do what she has been doing on a lower level. The University requires that there be an advisory committee. It will be a small group of leaders, parents or others. We will meet 1-2 times during the summer to help the agent in the fall. It will be an odd number of people. The general duties of the advisory committee will be to solidify the need for an agent, "politicking," act as a liaison, advise, no fund-raising. In the long run the Advisory Committee might make management decisions until an agent is hired. The AC also validates 4-H, including demographics of the county by giving a report that includes racial and ethnic boundaries. A sheet was passed around for those interested to sign up.
12. Deborah handed out a clip board with all activities through the fall for people to sign up to help organize (whether we have an agent or not). Other items discussed at this time: August

volunteer meeting will not include a dinner; Share-the-Fun dates were discussed. It was agreed that we would do all groups together (Friday night/Saturday) for ease of setting up for the event. Deborah will reserve 10/9-10; 10/23-24; and 11/13-14. We will discuss and resolve this at our June meeting.

13. Nancy Jo noted that we should be sure to read the Events and Activities Handbook before signing up for project books next year. Many project books are still available but do not qualify for county, district or state competition.
14. Discussion ensued about the fall Pizza Social and its date and location next fall. We will first try the new county park in Umatilla. If necessary, we would also consider Carver Park and Trout Slake.
15. Carla opened her card and was very grateful for the gift, dinner and all friends. She immediately left the room to cry! We love you, Carla.