

## **West Michigan Livestock Council**

The December 4, 2019 West Michigan Livestock Council regular session meeting was called to order by President, Samantha Wilkosz at 7:02 PM.

**Officers and Advisers Present:** Samantha Wilkosz-President, Michael Lammi-Vice-President, Meg Cooper-Secretary, Spencer Bowman-Corresponding Secretary and Jolene Babbint-Treasurer.

**Advisors:** Beth Saxton-Vice-President.

The American Pledge was led by Samantha Wilkosz.

New member present was Adeline Hilton and she will be selling a pig.

**Secretary's report:** The November minutes were read by Meg Cooper. Anna Tyndall made a motion to accept the minutes as written, supported by Alex Tyndall. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was read by Michael Lammi. Henry Hilton made a motion to accept the report, supported by Lucy Shoup. Motion carried. See Attachment 1.

### **Correspondence**

- 2020 Member Enrollment forms were available and due tonight for anyone wishing to vote for officers.
- 2020 Parent Permission slips were available. The deadline for Market Steers is the November meeting, and all other species of animals are due at the March meeting.
- Information regarding the Rural Youth Loan Program with the Farm Service Agency was also available. For more information regarding the program please contact Beth Saxton.
- A flyer was available about the Citizenship Washington Focus trip offered through 4-H. Participants will spend the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> learning about our Nations Government through leadership workshops and touring the historical sites in Washington D.C. Participants between the ages of 14-19 may register online by Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the trip is \$1500. Space is limited, please contact Aaron Myers at MSUE if interested.

### **Old Business**

- Discussion was opened regarding the motion made at the November meeting proposing changes to the Buyer's Banquet. Some concerns were raised about how busy everyone already is on sale day. There was also a concern about people from the midway coming in to eat and there not being enough for the buyers and bidders as intended. After discussion concluded a show of hands vote was taken. Motion failed.

- Steer Tagging will take place on **Saturday, December 14, 2019** from 10am until 12pm at John Cregg's house.

### **New Business**

- Beth Saxton made a motion to change the date of the January meeting to the second Wednesday in January due to it conflicting with the New Years holiday. Supported by Tiffany Edel. Motion carried.
- There was discussion regarding the "Roll Call of Champions" insert which runs in the Ludington Daily News each year. The 2019 insert cost the council \$3714 up from \$3570 paid in 2018, \$2975 paid in 2017 and \$2280 paid in 2016, an overall increase of \$1434 over four years. For 2019, the council paid an average of over \$20 per picture. It was proposed rather than doing an insert printed in color with each child's picture, we take out a single page or half page ad, thanking the buyers by listing their names instead. We would still have Russ Miller there to take the pictures, and each buyer will get a color copy of their picture to display at their business, as they have in the past.
- Beth Saxton made a motion to discontinue paying for the insert in the Ludington Daily News, and instead place a full page or half page ad in the paper thanking the buyers beginning with 2020. Supported by Tiffany Edel. **This motion will be voted on at the January meeting.**

The next meeting will be held January 8th at 7:00 PM at Mason County Eastern Schools.

Roll call completed

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Cooper

WMLC Secretary