

## West Michigan Livestock Council

The January 8, 2020 West Michigan Livestock Council regular session meeting was called to order by President, Samantha Wilkosz at 7:03 PM.

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

**Advisors:** Karen Lammi-President, Beth Saxton-Vice-President and Sally Wittlieff-Corresponding Secretary.

The American Pledge was led by Samantha Wilkosz.

New members present were Lily Babbin selling sheep and Emily Kwiatt selling a steer.

**Secretary's report:** The December minutes were read by Meg Cooper. Brody Hays made a motion to accept the minutes as written, supported by Emily Kwiatt. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was read by Michael Lammi. Ella Plyman made a motion to accept the report, supported by Brody Hays. Motion carried. See Attachment 1.

### Correspondence

- 2020 Member Enrollment forms were available.
- 2020 Parent Permission slips were available. The deadline for all species of animals is the March meeting.

### Old Business

- Discussion was opened regarding the motion made at the December meeting to discontinue paying for the insert in the Ludington Daily News, and to instead place a full page or half page ad in the paper thanking the buyers beginning with 2020. The question was asked if anyone had contacted the LDN to ask why the cost had gone up so much. Beth Saxton said Angel Austin had volunteered to talk to the LDN to see if the cost could be lowered, but she was not in attendance to provide an update.

Beth Saxton said she had been contacted by Theresa Knizacky and she had suggested we put the pictures on our website and Facebook page. She had also contacted the Fairboard to see if we could put the pictures on their billboard at the entrance to fair, but the Fairboard will not be meeting until Monday to discuss this.

Jolene Babbin suggested doing a souvenir book that we could distribute to buyers ourselves, much like the fairbook. Jolene said she thought the cost was about \$1800 for 500 fairbooks. **This motion was tabled pending more information and will be voted on at the February meeting.**

## **New Business**

- There was some discussion about what time we should request to have the sale begin. Based on the survey results conducted after the sale last year, 5:00 pm on Thursday was agreed upon. The Executive Board will go to the WMFA Board of Directors meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 and request the sale time start at 5:00 pm on Thursday, with the Veterans Program immediately preceding the sale beginning at 4:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 PM at Mason County Eastern Schools.

Roll call completed

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Cooper

WMLC Secretary