4-H Youth Fair
September 24, 2019

Fair Board Members Present: Callum Young, Arabella Hartino, Linc Young, Joann G., Dottie Munson, Kietra Wiggans
Guests: David and Alyssa Hartino

Youth Fair Review:

- Statistics: noted decrease in garden exhibits – bad growing season
- Number of exhibits and exhibitors down; in part due to one leader being hospitalized week before fair and several of her members didn’t make it
- Little more than 10% of club members exhibit at Fair; need to make the theme for clubs this year “Focus on Fair”; setting expectation for certain number (or % of each club) to exhibit
- Country Kitchen – will look at financials and sales in October; Spaghetti Dinner only brought in $30 with 9 complimentary meals (mostly staff); Carnival Food of the Day – big hit!, Cake/cupcake wheel wasn’t very successful
- Water Boy Bill – voted to contribute $100
- Bucket of Junk – shared ideas and all were excited; maybe in place of Cardboard Car contest

State Fair Review:

- Great Success! 7 or 8 purple rosettes; 2 “Best in Show” rosettes (Callie TenKate’s photo and Peter Jesch’s fly tying)
- Animal Shows – dairy, sheep, poultry, dog, rabbits and cavies – many rosettes
- Rabbit Decathlon made history – first time one county had 1st and 2nd place Junior teams, 6 members participated and all 6 were in top 10 individuals; 1st place Cavy Team and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place individuals

Line Dance Review:

- What a success! After all expenses paid, made just over $1100.00
- Thank you notes written and signed for vendors who contributed to Silent Auction
- Auction made nearly $500; KUDOS to Callie and Nancy TenKate for incredible auction baskets and items
- Thanks to all who helped

Fall Festival:

- Sat., Oct. 12, 10 – 3, Ithaca Tractor Supply
- Milk Duds/Jolly Ranchers doing the Chicken BBQ
- Expect all clubs to have table; hands on activities, live animals
- Help needed for set up and take down; contact Joann

Texas Road House fundraisers:

- In restaurant event, 10%; Joann likes the visibility this gives 4-H and opportunity to talk w/public
- Gift Card option – 10% of sales; great idea with gift giving season approaching
- Voted to do the Gift Card Option; propose taking orders for gift cards in any amount, collecting money, then returning cards to purchaser at a later date; decided that sales
would be increased if we made sales and handed over card on the spot; Joann is checking to see if we can outright purchase a certain number of $10 and $20 cards for this purpose; family and friends could still order cards to be delivered at later date

Nominations:

- Chair – Arabella Hartino
- Vice Chair – Maddie TenKate
- Secretary –

Callum is checking with Shawn and Aden to see if they are interested
Existing members can be nominates; voting will be in Oct; new members can vote; nominees will give their presentation at next meeting

Other:

- Interest in expanding of Callies idea of “talent” items for sale in auction to do at Fair;
- Focus on Fair – ask each club to contribute minimum of 2 talent/service items to Auction
- Hold this auction during Talent Show
- Brainstorm ideas in October

Upcoming Meeting:

- Oct. 12 – Fall Festival
- Oct. 19 – Holiday Bake Off, at the Mall this year!
- Oct. 22 – next Fair Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Acres
  - Election of officers
  - Fair Financial Review; food events, etc.
  - Fall Festival updates
  - Talent/Service Auction; brainstorming
  - Evaluation Day and time
  - Texas Road House Gift Cards

2020- FOCUS on Fair!