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4-H Advisory Committee Minutes **Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

Call to Order: 6:31 PM

In Attendance:

Steven Sinniger, Lynn Dunn, Debra Stanton
4H Educators; Teresa Adell, Catherine Roberts

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Excused/Absent: Anna King

Reviewed 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2024:

Steven Sinniger made a motion to accept the minutes, Lynn Dunn seconded. Approved unanimously.

CCE Board Report:

- Farm-to-School program received \$100,000 grant for schools in Otsego & Schoharie counties
- CCE SO raised \$1,300 through the Mohawk Valley Gives campaign

Old Business:

Review of County & State Fairs

- Teresa
 - 109 4-H youth showed in over 1000 classes at the Otsego County Fair.
 - The Livestock Auction was well attended with at least 25 4-H youth and over 30 animals participating. Four of the sheep participating in the auction were not ready for market, so were offered to be sold as feeder sheep. The Livestock Auction Committee is going to focus on how to teach youth to raise market animals, and tell when the animal is ready for market. Ashley McFarland has offered to help the OC 4-H Livestock Auction Committee this year.
 - The NYS Fair was well attended by Otsego Co. 4-H with 11 youth showing animals, 11 youth exhibiting non-animal exhibits, and 2 youth working as Junior Superintendents.

- Catherine
 - 110 Schoharie County 4-H youth exhibited over 1000 projects at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair. Overall, there were more 4-H youth, animal & non-animal projects at the fair compared to last year.
 - Next year, we will have a designated adult check animal paperwork as Jr. Dept. dairy animals arrive on ground to make sure they are following 4-H & Sunshine Fair rules/regulations regarding ownership.
 - We will look into Jr. Dept. scheduling to make sure shows/contests take place in pre-determined areas and are not overlapping in the show barn or pole barn.
 - The NYS Fair was also well attended by Schoharie Co. 4-H with 6 youth showing animals, 20 youth exhibiting non-animal exhibits, and multiple 4-H'ers participating in the livestock, dairy and poultry contests.
- County Supervisors were invited to each county fair by CCE SO for hors d'oeuvres, to see displays, 4-H projects, and speak with staff. This was a positive addition for CCE SO at both fairs.

New Business:

- 4-H year ended on September 30, and the new 4-H year began on October 1
- 2023-2024 Enrollments:
 - Otsego Co. 4-H had 15 clubs and Schoharie Co. 4-H had 15 clubs, for a total of 30 clubs
 - Otsego Co. 4-H had 227 youth enrollments and Schoharie Co. 4-H had 259 youth enrollments, for a total of 486 4-H members.
 - Of the Schoharie Co. 4-H youth enrollments, 28 youth were from the 4-H Afterschool Program
 - Otsego Co. 4-H had 81 adult volunteer enrollments and Schoharie Co. 4-H had 57 adult volunteer enrollments, for a total of 138 volunteers.
- New 4-H Advisory Meeting Dates will be determined at the CCESO Kick-Off Meeting in January 2025

Program Updates:

Teresa and Catherine both gave their reports

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Next Advisory Meeting: TBD, CCESO Kick-Off Meeting in January 2025

Adjourned: 7:50 PM