Walworth County Junior Leaders’ Association Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2015

The Walworth County Junior Leaders’ Association met on February 23, 2015 at the County Government Center. The evening began at 7 p.m. with a joint session between the Junior and Senior Leaders. The joint session was called to order by Senior Leaders’ President Dan Kundert. Lofton Rehberg and Ian Bullock asked the groups for financial support towards their trips to Space Camp. It was noted that the 2014 Fall Forum delegation would be giving a joint workshop at the March meeting, and Debbie Burkman conducted a short 4-H SMILES program presentation during which individuals were asked to write down things that their clubs do for fun, so those ideas could be shared across the county.

The Junior Leaders’ Association meeting was called to order by President Kendel Gustisha. Pledges were led by Parliamentarian Amelia Hayden. Oliver Kozak led an ice breaker activity. The secretary was absent and no January minutes were available, so they will have to be approved in March. Treasurer Devon Frederick gave the treasurer’s report indicating that there was $13,818.12 in checking and $6174.59 in our CD for a grand total of $19992.71. The report was filed for audit. The bowling committee provided a closing report for this year’s activities.

In Old Business, it was noted that members had filled all of the icebreaker/mixer spots on the sign-up sheet during last month’s meeting, so we are good for this year. Individuals who participated in and helped at Music Fest provided a summary of the event. The Trip Funding Committee created in January had not met yet due to time constraints, and it remained unclear what was going to be expected from Junior Leaders with regards to the new H.O.P. trailer expenses, so it was hard for the committee to make decisions even if they had met. 4-H Awards Committee member Lillie Cauffman went over the county’s new 4-H project record forms. She also shared how she and other junior leaders had helped out at the New Family Orientation held earlier in the month. A thank you note for the January guest presenter was passed around for members to sign.

In New Business, members were asked to sign up for shifts at Frank’s Brat Hut on April 19. Shifts are 9-12 and 12-3. Junior Leaders’ had opted to do a brat hut fundraiser this year to help get its budget back on track. Lillie Cauffman, Braden Kundert, Amelia Hayden, and Savannah Siegler reported on their participation as part of the Why Not 4-H Leadership Conference team. They each have workshops planned for the months ahead. The group discussed June meeting attendance, which is usually affected by State Conference and National Shooting Sports participation. If attendance will be low, we may cancel the meeting. This means that officer candidates for 2016 will need to start being recruited in May so they can be announced in July in compliance with our bylaws. The Sugar Creek Club Presentation on the agenda could not be addressed due to lack of information. Several clubs reported on upcoming activities. The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, members built English muffin pizzas and engaged in several games of Valentine’s Bingo under the leadership of Brandan Constable.

Next meeting is March 23, at 7 p.m. Brandan Constable is providing the ice breaker.