

Board meets to discuss 2010 fair

During the December Fair Board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, Tracy Weeter of Bird City was welcomed as a new member and assigned to fair committees, Karol Lohman, filling in for Lacy Reed, gave the treasurer's report, Linda Elfers, representing the extension office, reported on several 4-H topics, and discussion began on next the 2010 fair theme and show ideas.

2010 Fair theme

Once again the members tackled the job of coming up with a fair theme. Mrs. Lohman suggested asking the Cheyenne County 4-H Clubs to come up with a theme again. The theme has traditionally been used for parade ideas and the 4-H clubs in designing their fair booths.

Last year the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club won the contest with "Family Tradition" and a pizza party.

Members discussed many different ideas and, in the end, decided to contact the extension office to get the 4-H clubs involved.

Financial report

Mrs. Lohman reported the balance in the fair board account was \$5,016.57, and First National memorial fund at \$151.31. That brings the total to \$5,166.88 as total funds.

Bills are the St. Francis city bill listed \$122.53 and Midwest Energy bill is has not been received, but is expected to be approximately \$200. She reported on various expenditures from the members and other businesses for supplies and works done, bringing the total to \$387.44. She added that it does not include the Midwest Energy bill.

Dick Bursch, president, said there is a \$1,000 refund due from John Deere. The refund was due to a billing mix-up. Motion carried to pay bills, except Midwest.

Extension office

Mrs. Elfers reported that the new Market Heifer Class will be added to the 2010 fair book.

She told the members that the new tables and chairs that were due before the fair had arrived. She said the furniture is at Owens True-Value waiting to be transported to the fairgrounds. John Finley, member, reported that the chairs are down at the fairgrounds and the tables are at True-Value.

Mrs. Elfers asked how the members were going to handle compiling the 2010 Fair Book. Mr. Bursch told her that the board would be appointing someone to begin the book soon and would get back to her as soon as possible.

Clay Zimbleman, member, asked for clarification on who owns the tables and chairs.

"They were anonymously donated and given to the fair-ground, which is basically the fair board," said Mr. Bursch.

Mr. Zimbleman suggested marking the tables and chairs with something to designate where they belong.

Mr. Finley then suggested stenciling "This chair or table has been stolen from the fair-ground," although the members did get a chuckle from that, it has been a serious topic of much discussion concerning the shortage of fair ground furniture and some of it ending up in someone's backyard.

Members discussed that rules about the furniture not being removed from the fairgrounds should be put into place.

Mrs. Lohman read from the June fair board meeting minutes that the tables and chairs were

a donation and the donors requested they were not to be removed from the fairgrounds. The members instructed Mr. Zimbleman to come up with the wording for the furniture.

Mrs. Elfers asked for the board to clarify who should inventory and insure the new furniture. Mr. Bursch answered that it will be the fair board's responsibility for both inventory and insurance.

Horse barn repairs

Mr. Zimbleman presented a bid from Troy Porter on removing and repairing the building. Mr. Porter quoted in the bid to give a discount if he could keep the materials that he removed from the building.

Mr. Bursch said there was one other bid from ABCD Roofing, Brewster. Members discussed wanting to keep business done locally.

Mr. Zimbleman asked about the allocation from the county. Mr. Bursch told the members the allocation comes in about Jan. 15; however, since the county is a little "shy," it may come in after the 20th. Motion carried to accept Mr. Porter's bid of \$5,399 with the understanding billing is after the end of January.

Stadium bleachers

Meg Downey, member, asked if the extra bleachers had been put away yet and her concern was weather damage. Mr. Bursch said that he believed Jared Douthit had made a deal with the St. Francis football team to help.

Mrs. Downey will check on the bleachers and contact the St. Francis high school coaches and make an appointment to get the bleachers put up, if needed.

Mr. Finley mentioned that it may not be so easy to get the school teams to help since sports and practices take up much of their time. Mr. Bursch added that if the coaches say "no," it is up to the board members to get it done. Mrs. Downey said that the job should take about 30 minutes.

Building damage

Mr. Bursch reported he had received three calls concerning the ladies restrooms by the baseball park. He said concerned callers said the restroom was opened and there had been a party in the restroom.

He continued by saying that he asked Mr. Finley to inspect the restroom and, sure enough, it was a mess.

Mr. Bursch told the callers that the restrooms had been cleaned and locked after the fair, and the board was unaware that they were open; however, ball games had continued until the end of summer. He also told the caller he was suspicious that the restroom had been left open after the games. Again, the members had to discuss the notion there were more keys out than originally assigned and unauthorized duplicated. Rod Ritchey, locksmith, told Mr. Bursch that he has not duplicated any keys.

Mr. Bursch said Mr. Finley cleaned and locked both restrooms since the mens' was unlocked also, but not damaged or trashed, and Lampe has winterized the restrooms.

New meeting hours

Members were asked to consider and discuss changing meeting convening at 7 p.m., still on the first Thursday of the month.

It was suggested to follow the daylight savings time. Motion carried to have the meetings at 7 p.m. during daylight time and 8 p.m. daylight savings time.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.



SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS — Members of the Go-Getters and Plum Creek 4-H clubs joined to entertain residents at the Good Samaritan Village and patients at the Hospital. Pictured (l to r) Celine Isely, Bradley Hansen and Savannah Isley rode in the hayrack around St. Francis last Sunday.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Small business center moves forward

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Cathy Domsch, executive director of Century II Development, has received approval from the city council to have a Small Business Development Center in Bird City. The controversy began in locating office space for the center during the November Bird City Council meeting.

Frontier Equity had upstairs office space available; however, it was not handicapped accessible and other options had to be looked at. One option was the office space in the Bird City City Hall that is presently occupied by the Cheyenne County Sheriff.

Mayor Troy Burr presented to the council the option of moving the sheriff office into the city maintenance building on Cave Avenue. He said the councilman, Wade Carmichael, Mrs. Domsch, Brad Schneider, city supervisor, and he, toured the city shop recently.

Mayor Burr said the requirements the proposed sheriff office needs are security and access to the restroom. An outside door was mentioned and a door that is accessible only through the proposed sheriff office would need to be built. In addition, to a room comparable in size to the office space in city hall to be constructed and finished.

He went on to say that approximately \$3,000 buys the materials and Mr. Schneider, along with a small crew, does the labor.

Councilman Carmichael said Century II has approved up to \$4,000 for the project.

Councilman, Frank Serrano, said that councilman, Hal Sager, not present, wanted to be a part of the discussion and vote on this issue by telephone conference.

Bringing Councilman Sager up-to-the-present on the discussion, he asked about telephone and internet access, which he was told would be provided.

Councilman Sager said those items were already installed at the city hall and in his opinion city hall and its office space should be for the governing bodies of the city and that the sheriff office is part of that body.

He continued by adding if Century II has made the funds available to make the office space in the city shop, why can't the Small Business Development Center be located there.

Councilman Sager said if the sheriff office is built at the city shop, a handicapped (ADA) accessible is going to have to be built there also, since it is a public service office.

Councilman Serrano added that he felt it was more professional for the sheriff's office to be located in

the city hall.

Councilman Carmichael brought up the point best use for city buildings should be considered, and the sheriff's department is an important part of the city; however, in his opinion they have not made good use of the office space that has been provided for them prior to the remodeling.

"City hall should be use for entities of Cheyenne County," said Councilman Serrano. "Traditionally, sheriff's offices have been located in city halls."

When votes were taken, Councilman Sager made the motion to have the sheriff department and

city clerk to remain in the city hall and asked for a roll call count. It was a tied vote, councilmen, Sager and Serrano, voted in favor and councilmen, Loren White and Carmichael, voted opposed. Mayor Burr cast the deciding vote to oppose the motion. Motion did not pass.

The next motion was to accept the \$4,000 grant to install office space in the city shop maintenance building was again tied with Sager and Serrano opposing and White and Carmichael in favor, Mayor Burr cast deciding vote in favor. Motion passed.

Students help family

The Cheylin National Honor Society organization is sponsoring a Holiday Basket donation for Tony Salcido and his family.



Salcido

Tony Salcido, the father of Brissanelly Salcido a Cheylin first grader, has been serving this

country in Afghanistan. The Society would like to honor him for his service by providing him with a Holiday Basket when he returns home for Christmas.

Donations can be anything from Christmas goodies to "Thank you" cards! Drop off for these donations will be in both Cheylin High School and Elementary teacher's lounges. All donations to this basket would be greatly appreciated!

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