

SSFC September 1, 2017 Board Meeting

Present were Kathy Belt, Alethea Kenney, Dennis Engebretson, Margo Hanson, Trudy Delich, and Karen Stormo

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 by Alethea.

Minutes were supplied for the 4-12-17, meeting by Trudy. Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Alethea. Our balance as of 9-1-17 is \$9,203.49. She explained that mileage is covered for board members at \$.14 per mile. Also materials can be reimbursed if they are expenses that are approved by the board. Treasurer's report was approved.

Julie Zilka's resignation was reluctantly accepted and approved.

A new chairman is needed. Dennis and Kathy were nominated but declined. Karen Stormo was unanimously voted to be our new chairperson.

Alethea proposed hiring an intern to be project manager who could coordinate events and take on some of the work load which board members have been doing. After a discussion of pros and cons, it was tabled until next meeting.

Fosston Fiber Festival: Both Julie and Margo will be gone. Members wanting to vend can have their tables grouped together. Kathy reported that everything is in place but vendor numbers are down. Signage will need to be put up Friday evening and designate spaces for vendors. The Fashion show was a big draw. The issue of vendors providing their own insurance was discussed. Vendors are required to purchase insurance this year but after this year, we will drop that requirement.

Tina Davis from New Journey Church is willing to provide lunch as a fundraiser with donations going to the Ronald McDonald house.

Karen suggested we have lamb samples. MN Lamb & Wool has dinner with samples of several dishes. She is looking into this.

Art Council Grant Application – Kathy reported on several unique ideas, such as yarn bombs (people knit covers for huge things) or knit scarves for Paul Bunyon, make giant dream catchers, or rugs out of baling twine. Also mentioned was having people work on blankets or projects to donate to Women's Shelters, Veterans, or hospitals. Karen went to a grant writing workshop and said you need to have the wording "access to the community". We could produce or coordinate a fiber art display, giving the community access to view and experience it. Also could be a community tea for all the community

fiber artists. This could be a draw for the FFF or part of the Feb. event. We could get someone from Region 2 to come to our next meeting. Karen will contact.

Alethea suggested we take a copy of the by-laws home and do some chopping. She will send a copy to everyone. We'll try and eliminate portions that don't pertain to our group.

Sheep Event in Feb.: We could have the Art Council speak. New Journey Church will be fine. February 17<sup>th</sup> is the selected date.

Breakout sessions – Alethea will send out notifications to press. Lunch can be catered as in the past.

Vendors could be allowed if insurance is not required.

\$75.00 fee paid, free lunch, and vending space would be the amount we'd pay speakers.

Panel discussion with Dennis Engebretson, Refshaws, Alethea, and Margo on internal parasites could be one session.

Karen will contact Tim Szymanski and Janet McNally to see if either would be interested in being speakers.

Karen suggested producers bringing a fleece to have it judged/evaluated. Travis from NDSU may have recommendations for a fleece judge.

Next meeting will be Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at Luekens North, Bemidji. Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Hanson