4-H Douglas County Youth Council - September Meeting Minutes

Meeting for: Douglas County Youth Council

Date: 09/14/2026

Location: CSU Extension Office

Call to Order: 6:37 PM MT

Pledge of Allegiance: Chloe

4-H Pledge: Paisley

Roll Call Question: What was your favorite memory from the County Fair this year?

Secretary's Report

- Members were asked whether they had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting that were posted in the Thursday Blast.
- No corrections or additions to the minutes were reported.
- No correspondence was reported.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer reported the following account balances:

- Checking Account: $12,299.93
- Savings Account: $5,061.68
- Scholarship Account: $23,213.76 (pending scholarship deposits)

Fair Board Report:

- The Fair Board discussed feedback from the county fair.
- Members reviewed what went well during the fair.
- Discussion included identifying areas for improvement and potential changes for next year's fair.

FFA Report

- FFA chapter meeting was held the previous week.
- The meeting was the first one led by the new officer team.
- National FFA Convention was mentioned/discussed.

- High school members/Senior 4-H Members were encouraged to participate in FFA.

CALF Report

- CALF Harvest Day will be held on September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed for the event.
- Interested members should contact the CALF representative.

District 3 Report

The District 3 representative reported that:

- The first District 3 meeting will be held on October 13 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- District senators will receive information and connection details for the meeting.
- The representative recently attended Ag Day with the State Senate.
- Activities included promoting agricultural education and representing 4-H at the state level.

Shooting Sports Report

- The Shooting Sports representative was absent.
- No formal report was given.

Livestock Advisory Report

- No report was presented.

New Business

Achievement Night Planning

- Discussed themes for Achievement Night.
- Members voted to adopt a wig-themed Achievement Night with colorful/neon decorations.
- Approved a $350 decoration budget.
- Setup time was discussed, with members encouraged to arrive around 3:30 p.m. for decorating and preparation.
- Council decided on the main entrée for Achievement Night. Families will be asked to contribute side dishes.

Door Prize Program

- Approved a door-prize program for Achievement Night.
- Members discussed awarding tickets for participation, such as wearing a wig, bringing food, or donating canned goods.
- Approved a budget structure of one $100 prize and two $25 prizes, with efforts to seek donated prizes from sponsors.

State Fair Awards

- Approved monetary awards for State Fair General Project winners:
    - $275 for Champion winners.
    - $225 for Reserve Champion winners.

Holiday Dance

- Approved admission fees of $5 per child with a $25 maximum per family.

Advisor Appreciation Gifts

- Approved purchasing customized tumblers and gift cards for Youth Council advisors Noah and Angie.

Awards and Recognition

- Voted on recipients for the Meritorious Service Award and Friend of 4-H Award

Achievement Night Volunteers

- Recruited volunteers for the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge.
- Continued assigning speaking parts and responsibilities for the Achievement Night program.

Adjourn: 8.49 PM MT

Next Meeting: October 5th, 2026