

Grant County 4-H Promotion and Expansion Committee
Minutes • September 14, 2017

The Grant County 4-H Promotion and Expansion Committee met Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office.

The meeting started with a 2-minute ice breaker. Each committee member how to create a crafty name starting with an adjective beginning with their first letter, for instance Spry Sara, then they explained why they chose that name. Members reviewed April 6, 2017 minutes.

Sara Koepke, Grant County 4-H Youth Program Advisor started the discussion of development of promotion plans, methods, and procedures. First item was to maintain positive youth programming. Nancy Meyer mentioned the continuous of a 4-H sewing SPIN club. Kylee Mogen brought forth SD 4-H Youth Council is making tie blankets for the 2018 statewide community service project. Bill Steinlicht added the sewing club could build on the blankets by providing burp cloths or blankets for babies at hospitals. William Karels shared his favorite program was the Junior Leaders. In addition, he mentioned about the creation of a makerspace area for the community.

The discussion moved onto how we can include all non-profit organizations. Kylee seeked if there was a National Community Service week and how can we call come together as non-profit organizations to carry out a huge community service activity. In addition, she mentioned of doing a large Orphan Grain Train day.

Lastly, there was a review of the needs assessment that was completed at the last meeting. Sara mentioned how the information from the needs assessment will help as they review the county demographics later in the agenda. Discussion about county promotion needed with talking about things we can do with National 4-H Week. Joan spurred a question regarding the schools we are reaching out to and mentioned the Summit School district. There will be efforts taken to include them said Sara Koepke.

Moving onto membership expansion, committee members reviewed the county demographics Kids Counts Data Center. There were several reactions on a few things highlighted. Most importantly, one thing that was talked about was the ethnicity in Milbank. That also spurred how we can get them involved in 4-H.

Last item of discussion how to increase youth involvement. Sara informed committee members that the YOUth Town Hall meeting was going to be held in November. There was encouragement for members to assist with the questions. There were two questions posed: how can 4-H adults be of assistance? And, how can youth be more involved?

Other business that was brought forth was a comment of the 4-H program hosting a haunted house.

Next Promotion and Expansion Committee meeting is tentatively planned for April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office.