



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

THE 2016 REPORT OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

FROM THE CHAIR

First and foremost, thank you to the Endowment Committee for all their time and talents they bring to every meeting. It takes dedicated leaders and members to make this committee successful and meaningful. I appreciate all of you for your willingness to serve 4-H on this committee.

This year has been a busy year. It was time for the committee to take time to reflect on the investment and review if we were comfortable with the investment portfolio. We invited three firms to meet with us and share what they would recommend based on our goals. We heard from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, Edward Jones, and HC Denison, our current investment firm and advisor. After many questions were answered, discussions held and review along with a second meeting with HC Denison; it was decided to remain with HC Denison as our investment firm and advisor to our committee.

This is a healthy exercise to participate in. It allows us to review our mission and think about the best way to invest to achieve our growth and income goals to meet the mission. It is amazing how much the fund has grown since inception. We can be thankful for the care the past and present committee has taken of this task for over 25 years.

We look forward to this new year and reviewing the grant requests we receive. It excites us to see the growth in 4-H and the creative minds that have wonderful ideas for supporting project work, leadership training, and community service and so on.

Best wishes for a wonderful 4-H year in 2017.

Patty Taylor, Chairman

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR 2016 CONTRIBUTORS:

Dr. James Spicer Memorial

*Marcia & Donald Fenner
Marie & Mark Witzel*

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Marie & Mark Witzel

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Gail Ulezelski & Family

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Marcia & Donald Fenner
Gail Ulezelski & Family
Marlene Kammann
Glenn & Janice Thompson

Cindy Kalmerton Memorial

George & Donna Menart
Gail Ulezelski & Family

Dorothy Brass Memorial

Gail Ulezelski & Family

In Honor of 100 Year Anniversary

Mary Ann Sommer

In Honor of Clarice Matzdorf's 90th Birthday

Mark & Kathy Froh

Bill Jens Memorial

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Kathleen Wessel
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2016 GRANTS AWARDED

4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

The 4-H Endowment Fund Committee invites grant proposals from 4-H committees, leaders, members and local UW-Extension 4-H faculty and staff. In 2016 4 grants were funded by the Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund totaling \$4,150.00 Some highlights included:

Fair Oaks Farms Field Trip

Dairy and Livestock Projects

\$1000.00

The Sheboygan County Livestock Committee coordinated a day trip on April 9, 2016, for our 4-H youth and parents to visit the Fair Oaks Farm in Fair Oaks, Indiana. We had a great turnout and filled two coach buses with 90+ participants. The day was filled with walking and bus tours to see the entire facility including the Pig and Dairy Adventures. A few highlights of the day included: seeing 72 cows being milked at one time on the carousel, a visit to the farrowing barn to see pigs being born as well as watching as a baby calf was born. The Fair Oak Farms facility runs on cow and pig manure so they transform the farms' waste into energy by way of anaerobic digesters thus producing gas and electricity and the kids got a kick out of how they use the pig manure to fuel their tour buses! A very educational fun filled day with even a trip to the Fair Oaks Café to try some of their very own ice cream or famous grilled cheese sandwiches! The Livestock committee arranged for educational livestock movies to be played on the coach buses as well as treats during the trip. In all, very positive feedback from all that attended and everyone was especially grateful to have transportation and tours arranged by the Livestock Committee. A special thank you to the 4-H Endowment Fund for the contribution of \$1,000 to help offset the costs of the coach buses for this trip.



Livestock Skillathon Kits

\$2,000.00

We used the funding to purchase Skill-a-thon practice kits for each of the general livestock species. These kits helped our team members study for the state livestock contest. We were able to do a more complete job of preparing for the state contest as we had the opportunity to study a wide variety of livestock stations without doing a lot of extra traveling. Our teams were very successful at the state contest, the junior team was the top team in the state. This curriculum also contributes to our quiz bowl team practice, as it reinforces the facts that the participants learn. The stations are very complete and up to date, and are a great resource not only for our quiz bowl and skillathon teams, but also for the participants in the general livestock projects as a whole. They are a great asset to our program and will continue to be helpful in the foreseeable future.

Music and Drama Special Venue

\$1000.00

The Music and Drama committee is very grateful for the support from the Endowment Fund last year. Because of the additional funds, we were able to give the youth a chance to perform at the Stefanie H. Weill Center. The venue was special in so many ways. As a historic landmark in Sheboygan County, it has showcased a wide range of performers, from Abbot and Costello to Rick Springfield. Getting to perform on the same stage as these legendary performers was a real treat for them, especially for those who have attended performances in the theater in the past. The theater itself was built to highlight acoustics, so as we teach our youth to face the audience and project their voices, the Weill Center stage gave them an idea of how well that can work in the right venue. Finally, it's just a beautiful venue overall, which I think just added to the excitement of what already is a special day every year. Thank you for your support!



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4-H ENDOWMENT FUND (continued)

K-9 Vest Talent Show
4-H Rangers Service Project
\$150.00



On February 27, 2016 the 4-H Rangers held a county wide Talent Event in the Oostburg High School Auditorium to raise funds to purchase an approved Tread Armament K-9 Vest for the new canine coming into the Sheboygan Falls Police Department. Since all proceeds from the event would be to benefit the vest, we submitted a request to the Endowment Fund to help cover the cost of the rental of the Auditorium and the flyers. The remainder of the costs were covered by our club and members. The Talent Event was a success. We were fortunate to have over 16 acts perform and over 100 attendees in the audience.

Additionally, several local companies donated popcorn, flowers and baked goods to make the event complete. We greatly appreciated the generosity of the Endowment Fund and all that participated in any way to make this Talent Event a memorable experience.

Two Sheboygan Falls Police Officers also attended the Event and we offered a very talented trio to sing the National Anthem and God Bless America to honor them and also any veterans in the audience. The voices along with the 4-H's carrying in the American Flag brought tears to many eyes. It was priceless. I have attached a few pictures from the Event along with a special moment at our August meeting when our 4-H Club met Bo and had a question and answer time with his SFPD Handler.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION FORM

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CHECK PAYABLE TO: **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION -ENDOWMENT FUND**

SEND TO: **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND, 5 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund Grant. The Fund was established in 1991 to provide long-range support for the Sheboygan County 4-H Program, beyond the current operating expenses of the 4-H Leaders Association. Only the interest earned will be used to fund innovative and educational programs that support the strengthening and expanding of the 4-H program in Sheboygan County.

The 4-H Endowment Committee invites grant proposals from 4-H clubs, committees, leaders, and members. Possible areas of support might include new, creative and collaborative programs, opportunities to expand current projects, work with minorities and under-served youth, and urban programs. The Grant is only for the Sheboygan County 4-H program not individual members or clubs.

Examples of past projects funded: *County-wide Shoe-Collection for needy, supporting project area programs, Community Bike Safety Day, Implementing Multi-County Cat Show, supporting leadership development opportunities.*

Examples of items not funded: *updates to personal property, general operating expenses, individual or club projects*

Applicants must respond to the following questions:

1. Name of the committee or individual making the request
2. Amount of the request
3. Describe in detail the project and purpose for which funds are being requested.
4. Indicate whether the grant requested from the fund will cover the entire cost of the project. If not, please indicate the total cost and describe other sources of funds.
5. How many people will be involved or affected through the project?
6. Describe how the proposed grant will benefit or promote the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

Please pay close attention to the Granting Cycle. If you have any questions, please contact the UW-Extension office at 920-459-5903.

GRANTING CYCLE

February 1:	Grant Applications due to the UW-Extension Office
February:	Grants reviewed by 4-H Endowment Fund Committee Grants approved by 4-H Leaders Association
March 1:	Funds available for disbursement
October 1:	Grant Report Forms due to the UW-Extension Office