TCYMAS committee meeting 4/29/2026

Attendees: Celeste, Josie, Nicole, Ron, Judy, Dawn, Neil, Lorraine, Julie

Guests: Robert, Rayanna, Baylee

Excused absences: Cassie, Robin, Tessa

Meeting call to order 7:04 PM

No minutes to approve.

Guests were unhappy that the steer weights were changed after they already had their steers. They gave some points as to the fact that they get their animals significantly earlier than all of the rest. Their animals are a bigger commitment to time and money. The committee pointed out that the larger animals tend to bring less per pound than the lighter animals. Also, that if the buyers know exactly how much they can spend on any given animal they are more apt to spend more. The committee will do some research and let them know the decision.

Treasurer's report

1 outstanding check, Josie was able to touch base with child's mom and give her an updated check and mom will cash it asap.

Josie was able to have a local CPA in Lacey file our taxes for the last 3 years. Taxes were supposed to be filed last year; we paid but the company we paid never filed the taxes for 2023 or 2024. Josie is looking into filing fraud and theft of services.

Intents to sell:

Steer: 9

Hogs: 6

Sheep: 12

Turkey: 9

Chickens: 4

Goats: 12

Rabbits: 7

Parents information night went well. It was a small group, but we feel we have a good template for next year.

The Thurston County Expo was very well received and we hope that it continues next year.

Promotions

Tumwater Parade idea- Trailer with BBQ & smoke machine, kids on float in costumes. It was suggested by Julie that we turn our paperwork in sooner rather than later.

Olympia Farmers Market- look into setting up a table to promote the sale and fair.

Banner at local businesses, bulletin boards, #ThurstonCountyFair #TCYMAS, 104.3 and other radio stations may advertise for free for non-profit organizations, donate a beer from the beer garden.

Auctioneers:

Mark, Flood, Tucker Cool, Cody, Todd, Dan Schorno were a few names that were tossed out. Neil and Dawn offered to reach out to Dan and ask if he was interested.

The topic of having more spotters and even a heckler or two in the crowd could help the sale.

Bidder cards/paddles will need to be ordered. We would like them to have room on them to be able to write the bidder number on one side and the name/business name on the other side so that the auctioneer can read it out loud.

The next meeting will be May 27th at 7:00 PM.

Lorraine moved to adjourn the meeting, Neil seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.