Treasurer’s Report
The current checking account balance is $46,887.57. The balance in the investment account is $40,955.00. Income from the 2017 Forum was $42,585.25. Total Expenses for the 2017 Forum were $31,428.03. There was a profit of $11,157.22. Out of that profit $3,841.00 will be sent to the counties for the auction items they donated.

January 2017 Action Items
21. Done – Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn did some additional research on using a drone game as a possible fund raiser. There is some property in Packwood that is rented by other organizations for various events. The manager of that property will let us use this site for free. They would, however, require a million-dollar insurance policy. When we pick a weekend for this fund raiser, we will need to schedule our fundraiser for a weekend during which nothing else is scheduled. This is one of the few locations in Washington State that would meet the aviation requirements for drones. Peggy shared some of the requirements needed for drone activities. April to September would be the best time of year to have a drone game event. This will be something that will take some time to plan and get all of the required approvals. The purpose of this event is fundraising and marketing of 4-H. The Advisory Board asked Peggy to continue working on this.

State Director Report
Nancy Deringer, the new 4-H Program Associate Director, introduced herself. She has a 4-H background and was raised on a dairy farm.
- She is one of seven (7) coaches for Children, Youth, Families At Risk (CYFAR) an at-risk youth program. Extension funds this program with 4-H funding through USDA and NIFA. There is an in-school 4-H program for 5th & 6th graders with engineers. These 4-H kids designed a bridge that state parks selected to build.
- JoAnn Fabrics is sponsoring a 4-H Paper Clover Campaign in the month of February. This fundraiser will be similar to Dell’s 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. JoAnn Fabrics’ stores will have a paper clover available for a donation of either $1 or $4. Customers who make a $4 donation receive a coupon for $4 off their next purchase at JoAnns. The distribution of the donations will be the same as the Dell campaign. All funds will go to 4-H with 30% going to the National 4-H Council and 70% to the State 4-H Program. Joann’s also has a 4-H Reward Card that will give the purchaser a 15% discount off their total in-store and online purchases. A minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction will be donated to 4-H.
- 4-H On-Line Update – 4-H Online opened three (3) weeks late this year. In 2016-2017 there were 9,937 youth enrolled as of January 18, 2017. As of January 18, 2018, there were 9,926 youth enrolled or waiting on payment. The $25 enrollment fee is used to pay the screening fee ($13), the WSU administration fee ($2), the credit card fee ($83), an accommodation fee ($?), and $5 for the enrolling county.
Know Your Government (KYG) – It takes place February 17-20 in Olympia. There are currently 227 registered to attend this event. This includes 166 youth, 8 on the youth planning team, 39 chaperones, 6 on the adult planning team, and 10 WSU faculty/staff. This year the registration fee includes the cost of the hotel room. KYG will take place at a different hotel that costs less, but it may not have enough room for everyone. Some county delegations will be staying at other hotels. For many years this event had been coordinated by a full time individual. When this individual retired, budget cuts necessitated a change from a full-time person to a part-time person.

2017 Forum Review
The Advisory Board will encourage more youth presenters, look for more judges training opportunities, schedule workshops with less lecturing and more engagement, and identify more teen workshops and entry level project workshops. The Advisory Board will work toward finding a way to have shooting sports training and other workshops that certify leaders to teach a project. Individuals teaching workshops for clover bud leaders and workshops that deal with the sewing project and craft workshops (making feed bag tote bags and other hands-on activities) will be encouraged to submit workshop proposals. There was a discussion about the possibility of making an electronic folder (possibly on the forum website) where presenters could post their presentations and handouts.

2018 Forum Report & Update
The 2018 Forum will take place at the Red Lion Spokane on the Park. Alex McGreager has been identified as a potential speaker for Sunday. He is currently running a successful company, is a good speaker, and has four generations of 4-H in his family.

A community service project will take place at the 2018 Forum. Clean, gently used clothing for all ages and hygiene products will be collected for Mission Community Outreach which helps people with no income.

2019 Forum Report
Some popular venues are not available. Monroe Fairgrounds is a possibility and usually allows 4-H to use their buildings for free.

Audit Committee Report
Peggy Hirte-Uhlor, Katrina Fenimore, and Allen Smith reviewed the Treasurer’s books. They did not identify any concerns. The Audit Committee’s report be accepted by the State 4-H Advisory Board.

Public Awareness Committee
The committee wants to work toward increasing the awareness of forum within the 4-H family. Some counties do not predesignate delegates who represent their counties. There was a discussion concerning whether we should ask counties to predesignate their delegates. If we knew who the delegates were ahead of time, the handouts about the items under consideration could be emailed to the delegates a couple of weeks prior to the forum. Kevin Buyer made a motion that all counties be requested to designate their
delegates prior to forum. Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn seconded the motion. The motion passed with one vote against the motion.

In an attempt to increase teen participation at Forum, it was suggested we consider using snapchat with a filter that shows the location. After some discussion up to $100 was approved for the purchase of a snap chat filter.

Board members were asked if they want a facebook page for the State 4-H Advisory Board. We have one for forum which has gained 100 people this year. Erin Hightower is the administrator for the forum facebook page. It was decided to have a facebook page created for the State 4-H Advisory Board.

Teen Development Committee
Five Year Goal - Publish forum and teen rally dates as far ahead as possible 1-2 years. The committee discussed ways of getting information out about the teen activities at forum.

Fund Development Committee
Erin Hightower wrote a letter that could be sent to donors requesting donations of $3,000-5,000. The committee identified companies and assigned committee members to each company. Each committee member will send a letter to their assigned company by February of 2019.

Grants & Recognition Committee
Last year Senator Scott Barr was submitted for the National 4-H Awards. Chuck Todd will be submitted for the award this year. The submittal is due in February. Nominees for the Hall of Fame and state awards will be mailed to committee members for selection in June/July.

Forum Committee
The 2019 Forum will take place in October a week earlier than usual to avoid a conflict with the Fair Association Conference. Katrina Fenimore will contact Ed Newman as a potential speaker on Saturday and maybe teaching a class. Rachel George will contact Matthew Tuttle about the possibility of doing shooting sports training at the 2018 Forum. The workshop proposal form was reviewed. A statement will be added at the end of the form letting the presenters know that for the convenience of their attendees the Advisory Board will be recording some of the presentations. An electronic copy of their handouts will be requested for posting on the Forum website.

New Business
Zoom Account – There was a discussion about the possibility of getting a zoom account for meetings. “Slack” could also be used. Slack is an organizational media account that could be used when the board breaks into committees. It was decided to have Camas French initiate a zoom account through the Advisory Board gmail account and Abigail Hirte-Uhlorn will set up a Slack account.