

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board
Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2018-Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Linda Saley, Mary Temp, Jennifer Wright, Jeff Janvrin, Marla Stello, Sue Kramer, Mel Hart-Pollack, Tom Fechner, Lyndsi Heitkamp, Emily Crook, Gretchen Heilman, Abbey Vick, Cindy Raatz

Open Forum: No one in attendance

Call to order: Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Marla motioned to accept the agenda, Jenny 2nd, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Mary motioned to accept the November Minutes, Tom 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary motioned to accept the November report, Sue 2nd, Motion passed.

Extension Office updates and report (Emily)

Ambassadors will be meeting in 2 weeks. 13 Ambassadors now. They will be working on a Charter.

CWF & American Spirit- 1 qualified applicant (Dustin Heitkamp). CWF deadline is December 15th. Interviews need to be done around the first week of December. Jeff and Mary will set up the interview.

Art Camp- 9 kids attended. Good feedback received.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report (Marla)

Annual meeting will be November 15th. 4-H has a vote. Invitation has been sent to the Extension Office.

Grading Project has been done to help with washing. Will be smoothed out more in the spring.

Office will be remodeled. Bathrooms, Kitchen, Paneling, Flooring, etc.

Dog Project- A lot of items have been stored in the Farm Progress Building.

Winter Storage- No access to float until spring.

Inspector- No date has been set however will be after May 1st and before fair.

Electrical- Pole and transformer by dairy barn and foodstand needs repair. Getting estimates now.

Extra Effort Awards- Farm Bureau has sponsored in the past. May need to look into a new sponsor. In the past this award was chosen by the Superintendents. Emily will look into this further.

Committee Reports-

Awards Night- Look for a new location next year. Double booked 2 years in a row. Goodwill offering was discussed if no bill received.

Clover College- Emily is finalizing and confirming volunteers to teach classes. Awesome Adventures theme will be Genetics and DNA. Need to focus on classes for the younger kids. Suggestion was made to advertise next year in the September Cloverline to see if any other clubs would like the opportunity to serve food for Clover College.

Foodstand- Jeff will bring a sketch and rough cost estimates to the January meeting for the needed improvements. Saturday night (November 10th) will be the Thank You Party for those volunteers that went above and beyond to help with the Foodstand this year.

Holiday Party- 32 people have signed up. Melrose/Mindoro Choir will be the entertainment. 9 singers and the director. Will pay them \$50 and meal will be provided to them as well. Centerpieces are almost done. Discussed Honor Leaders- Jessica Nyhus-Ahnen will receive award. Friend of 4-H- Coulee Region Poultry Club and Quality Vac and Sew will receive awards.

Friends of 4-H Awards and Honors Leaders past award winners will be printed in the September Cloverline in the future.

Expressive Arts- Some interest to plan. December 2nd. More details in January.

Nomination Committee- Amy Thesing- At Large Rep, Gretchen Heilman and Marla Stello- Ag Society Rep, Vice President-open and Secretary-open.

Unfinished Business

2018-19 Calendar of Events- No items added

Recruitment Events- Trying to resurrect Coulee Clovers and River City Clubs with kids Hintgen. Will be holding a recruitment event. Old School has disbanded. Browns Valley is recruiting. Will have a social at Northside and Logan Middle for an after school program. A social worker will run the program and Emily will come up with the curriculum.

Promotional shirts have a 2 week turnaround.

State Fair Banner- Nothing new to report.

New Business

Elections- Motion was made by Linda to elect Amy Thesing as At Large Rep, Mary 2nd motion, unanimous motion passed.

Gretchen Heilman and Marla Stello introduced themselves and were both running for the Ag Society Rep position.

After the vote Gretchen Heilman was elected as the Ag Society Rep.

Vice President and Secretary positions are still open.

Mel will send out an email verifying meeting dates/times for 2019. Discussion was that the 2nd Thursday of the month seems to work well for everyone.

Jenny motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mary 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.