

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

Present: Heidi Groth, Emily Crook, Peggy Maricle, Kim Young, Carolyn Christopherson, Gretchen Heilman, Jeff Janvrin, Sue Kramer, Corey Sjoquist, Kirsten Harris, Tom Fechner, (Linda Saley, by phone)

6:45 Open Forum: None

Call to order: 7:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Secretary's Report: December's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Kim, seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: December's Treasurer's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Jeff, seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

Extension Office update and report: by Emily

Programming Requirements Update:

Extension will discuss and announce updates for meeting requirements on March 1st.

Summer programming requirements and updates will be announced on April 1st.

Announcements will be on the State website, and Emily will email updates to club leaders and Leaders Board members.

Non 4-H Plans for 2021 (FYI):

Emily will be working with:

System of Care and Hamilton Elementary to work together with the YMCA to create a more teen focused space.

FSPA Grant for \$55,000 for Northside Elementary School Garden Project

Thank Yous from Scholarship Recipients:

Thank yous were received from Scholarship Recipients: Thea Ranis, William Ranis, and Kelsey Fisk. And from Award Recipient Alex Kunce.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Gretchen

The Ag Society met with the New Youth Sales Committee. Looking forward to some great new educational opportunities and fresh ideas.

The Ag Society has recently had a new roof installed on the Exhibition Hall. A new well will be installed in February. Possibly working with Beef and Swine to purchase a 2nd new scale, more details following their February meeting.

The Ag Society is looking to fill openings for Open Foods and Youth Woodworking/Electrical Superintendents. Please let Gretchen know if you know anyone who may be interested.

Ambassadors: No Report

Committee Reports:

Clover College:

Clover College will be different this year due to meeting restrictions. It will be done as a series of classes to be held virtually on Zoom on Sunday afternoons in February and March. Classes will include Dollhouse Miniatures, Rocks, and more.

Emily is looking for adults to attend the different classes as safety monitors.

Expressive Arts Fest:

Expressive Arts Fest will be held virtually this year. Emily is talking with Area 13 leaders about the idea of adding a regional level event in the future.

Unfinished Business

2020 Christmas Gift Recipients:

One has been contacted, Emily is still needing an address for the Schombergs. Will continue with plans to recognize them and present their awards at the 2021 Christmas Party.

Project Presentations to Board:

It has been discussed in the past that Project Groups (ie Dog, Horse, Shooting Sports, etc.) are invited to join our meetings from time to time and present to the board about their activities. We plan to begin seeing them at meetings once we are again meeting in person.

New Business:

2021 Committees and Assignments:

Now is the time to sign up for the 2021 Committees. Here is the list of who signed up for what as of January 15:

- Achievement/Scholarships: Gretchen Heilman, Corey Sjoquist, Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin
- Holiday: Carolyn Christopherson, Linda Saley
- Food Stand: Sue Kramer, Linda Saley, Carolyn Christopherson
- Day Camp: Peggy Maricle
- Expressive Arts: Peggy Maricle, Heidi Groth, Kirsten Harris
- Clover College: Peggy Maricle
- Charter/Policy: Corey Sjoquist, Jeff Janvrin, Heidi Groth, Kirsten Harris
- Budget: Heidi Groth, Linda Saley
- Record Books: Heidi Groth, Gretchen Heilman,
- Nominations: Heidi Groth, Jeff Janvrin
- Promotions/Marketing (4-H week, Dairy Breakfast):

If you haven't signed up for one, please talk to Emily to join committees.

Community Garden Opportunity:

Heidi shared that there is a new Community Garden opportunity out on Brice Prairie. They are looking for any 4-H youth, families, or clubs that would be interested in helping to manage the garden. The plan is that volunteers would get first pick of the harvest with the remaining harvest going to the community. This will be posted in the Cloverline and discussed again at our February meeting.

Management of Shared Resources/tasks:

It was noted that we have access to the Leader's Board Google Drive files which contains all sorts of shared resources including forms, notes, etc. Be sure to check out the files to see all the things available that you may need as a leader.

New Youth Building Improvements (Fair):

Jeff shared about building improvements made in 2019.

Gretchen shared a diagram of the New Youth Building layout. She will scan and share the diagram with the board.

Emily shared that Tom had mentioned the idea of using an extra club booth display to recognize our Friends of 4-H and Honor Leaders. There was discussion and it was agreed that some type of "growing" recognition plaque would be made for the display, along with a special recognition of the most recent recipients of the awards.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11th via Zoom.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gretchen, seconded by Jeff. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm