

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

April 8, 2021

Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Heidi Groth, Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin, Peggy Maricle, Linda Saley, Gretchen Heilman, Corey Sjoquist, Sue Kramer, Kimberly Young, Carolyn Christopherson, Emily Crook

6:45 Open Forum: We had a presentation from a local robotics team, N.O.A.M. Nerds On A Mission. Team members Liam Maricle, Cecelia Maricle & Wyatt Linder shared about a project they are working on called the Winter Warmer. It is a garment to help people keep warm outside during the winter. They have created instructions to make them and are sharing them with service groups to encourage them to make them for their local homeless community.

Summer Maricle, a 4-H Ambassador, joined them to share the idea of using the Winter Warmer project as part of a county wide Head, Hearth, Hands & Health service project for the homeless community. She suggested clubs could choose one of four service projects: a winter hat drive, creating Winter Warmers, a mitten drive and a food drive to benefit the homeless community. She and Team NOAM will work together to get information organized for sharing with clubs for a fall service project and to put together a funding request for clubs that would like to help with the Winter Warmers.

Call to order: 7:10pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved

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

Treasurer's Report: March's Treasurer's Report was shared via email and read by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Carolyn, seconded by Kimberly. Approved

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

Enrollment Update:

As of April 1st, there are 468 youth enrolled in LaCrosse County.

YQCA session:

We are still waiting for the summer programming restriction updates. Those should be out on April 15th. The plan is to have an in person YQCA in June. There would be a \$3 fee that is reimbursable from the Leader's Board. (Alternately, there is an online option that has a \$12 fee, still only \$3 is reimbursable from the Leader's Board.)

Scholarship Update:

We had 2 youth apply. Both will be receiving \$300 scholarships and their letters will be sent tomorrow.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Gretchen

The Ag Society is moving forward with planning for the fair.

They are currently dealing with an issue between the New Youth Livestock committee and the old Livestock committee. Next Monday there will be a re-vote to determine which committee will run the Livestock sale, the Porkchop sale, etc.

Julie Nuttleman was selected to be a joint board member between the Ag Society and the New Youth Livestock committee.

Ambassadors Report No Report

Committee Reports: Emily

Expressive Arts:

All individual or single family presentations will be submitted via video. All group performances will be held on May 15th at Myrick park. Top performances will be selected to participate in an Area 13 event on June 29th at Norskedalen.

Emily is still in need of judges. Additional note: Next year the Demonstrations and Illustrated talks will be held during Clover College.

Summer Camp/Wandering Wednesdays:

There will be a series of 5 day camps for 3rd-6th graders held throughout the five county region. The LaCrosse camp will be held on June 23rd at Chad Erickson Park. They will be enjoying log rolling and fishing. The cost will be around \$15-\$20 per session, similar total cost to traditional summer camp. Bussing is still being determined.

Other Day Camp events planned are: Richland Center- visiting a cave and mini golf, Crawford County - historical sites. Vernon County - canoeing. Monroe County - bicycling.

Fair Business:

Still waiting on programming updates that are expected on April 15th. Food stand has been preparing only as far as reserving an office space and a small trailer.

Unfinished Business:

Garden

Heidi explained further that the group offering the garden space is looking for an organization to run it as an educational site, not a traditional community garden.

Since we are nearing planting season and have no volunteer offering to lead a Gardening Club, we are passing on this for the year and will look into it more for next year if we can find interest and a volunteer to lead it.

New Business:

2021-2022 Budget:

Linda shared a bare bones draft budget with the Budget committee members. They will be meeting to complete a proposed budget and have it ready for us to vote on at the May meeting.

Funding Request from Mormon Coulee 4-H Club:

A request for funding to help cover the cost of club shirts was presented and discussed. Carolyn made a motion to give them \$25 towards their club t-shirts. Jeff seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Future Agenda Items:

Project Presentations to Board:

It was decided to wait until after the fair. Then we would ask the chartered project groups to come in, one a month, to present to the board and update us on what they are doing. Gretchen volunteered to have the Dog Project present for the September meeting.

Additional Discussion:

There was a discussion about the funds from the Community Foundation. Carolyn made a motion to request half of the available funds (\$500) and roll over the remaining funds (\$500). Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Adjournment:

Everyone voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.