

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

September 9, 2021

Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Heidi Groth, Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin, Peggy Maricle, Linda Saley, Gretchen Heilman, Corey Sjoquist, Sue Kramer, Carolyn Christopherson, Tom Fechner, Emily Crook, Summer Maricle, Mikayla Fechner

6:45 Open Forum: Members from Dog Project, including Tia Gray, and Sandra, David, and Rosie Elsen, came to speak to us about the project. Tia shared all about her time in the Dog project and how this past year went. A big event and fundraiser for them was hosting the State competition. The event came together really well and La Crosse county project members had a great showing. They told us that leadership will be switching over, with a couple of the current leaders stepping down and new leaders coming in. They expect this to be a smooth transition and the project to continue to grow. When asked, they mentioned that some of the agility equipment is due for replacement, specifically the A-frame. This equipment can be a bit pricey, running around \$1500-\$2000. They plan to be good stewards of their finances and see where they are sitting after the income from hosting State. If they would be in need of financial assistance in purchasing the new equipment, they will put together a funding request and submit it to the Leaders Board.

Call to order: 7:05pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved.

Secretary's Report: August's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Corey, seconded by Jeff. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: August's Treasurer's Report was shared and read by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Carolyn, seconded by Tom. Approved.

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

Record books:

Twelve youth submitted Record books. This number is up from last year. Emily is looking for evaluators and should have Record books ready for review sometime next week.

Pumphouse:

Seventy art projects have been dropped off so far for the Pumphouse Exhibit and more are expected. Emily will be setting up the display on the afternoon of Monday, September 13th if anyone is available to help.

The reception is planned for Tuesday, September 21st from 5-7pm.

Achievement Celebration:

Planning is going forward for Achievement Night. The hope is that by wearing masks and serving food that is all wrapped, we will be able to continue with the celebration. It is planned for October 21st at the Lunda Center. Dinner is to be served at 6pm and the awards will begin at 7pm.

Trips:

Trips for youth are expected to resume in 2022. The only major change is that Space Camp will not be offered in the upcoming years because it has been decided that it is not the direction they want to continue for S.T.E.M. programming.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Gretchen

Gretchen shared that their last meeting included many of the Fair Superintendents. Numbers were down for most projects, excluding swine, but there were very few complaints about how things went at the fair this year overall.

Ambassadors Report: by Emily

Emily apologized for missing the meeting last month. Tom was able to lead a brief meeting and updated the Ambassadors about things that Emily had shared at last month's Board meeting. Mikayla will be the new adult helper since Elizabeth Janvrin is stepping down. Emily's goal this year with the Ambassadors is to help provide more support for them and she is very excited about an event she has planned for them to learn about dining etiquette.

Committee Reports:

Food Stand:

Linda reported that there will be more income coming following the Oktoberfest races.

Freezer removal:

The old freezer has been removed and hauled to Alter Metal Recycling in La Crosse. The freezer from Stand 2 has been moved into Stand 1 and is ready for next season. There were many years of old Food Stand records stored in the backup freezer. It was agreed that since they were more than seven years old, they could be destroyed.

Unfinished Business:

Leader's Board charter information:

Heidi will be completing the Charter paperwork and she asked if there were any suggestions for changes from previous years. She plans to include the goals of having chartered projects scheduled to present to the board and update us on what is happening and if we can be of any assistance to them. She also will add the goal of having the Leader's Board Reps make regular contact with their clubs and report any information and updates back to the board.

Nominations for Leader's Board for 2022:

Amy Thesing has been contacted and is willing to fill the Mindoro/Holmen Rep position. Carolyn will switch over to cover the Ag Society Rep. Mikayla Fechner is interested in filling the At Large Rep. We are still looking for someone to fill the Vice President role and to replace Carolyn as the West Salem Rep.

Oktoberfest Races:

Linda has put together a signup sheet for working the Food Stand for the Oktoberfest races. The Ag Society is responsible for filling the Friday shifts and 4-H for the Saturday

shifts. She needs just a couple of people for the Thursday lunchtime and Sunday's Pancake breakfast.

4-H week ideas:

Heidi suggested some more ideas for promoting 4-H during 4-H week. She suggested giving out magnets to members to put on their school lockers, saying, "Ask me about 4-H". She also offered to contact some area politicians to see if they would be willing to help endorse 4-H when they are out canvassing.

New Business:

Christmas Party:

Linda has reserved both December 2nd and 9th at the Log Cabin in Bangor for the Leader's Christmas party. Emily checked her schedule and it was decided that we will plan for December 2nd.

Fair Checks:

Linda shared her difficulty with getting her club's fair checks without having an email. It was discussed. Gretchen said she would talk to the Ag Society about setting up a scheduled evening when checks would be available each year, possibly during the Superintendents' meeting night.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carolyn, seconded by Linda. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next Meeting: October 14th at the Hamilton Town Hall