

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

November 11, 2021

Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Heidi Groth, Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin, Peggy Maricle, Linda Saley, Gretchen Heilman, Corey Sjoquist, Sue Kramer, Kimberly Young-virtual, Carolyn Christopherson, Tom Fechner, Emily Crook, Mikayla Fechner, Summer Maricle, Emily Groth, Rick Shisler, Doreen Wille, Marla Stello, Jenny Wright, Brandon Wright, Maclaine Heilman, Jeff Schmidt

Open Forum: Doreen Wille spoke about the Goat project. Her and Robyn Shisler have recently taken on the leadership role for the project. Things are going really well. They are working to incorporate fun and educational activities in their meetings and let it be youth driven. They had elections in October and have a speaker coming for the November meeting. They are struggling a bit with funds since Covid prevented their usual fundraising the last year and a half. They are looking into possible fundraisers for the year, but in the meantime, they would appreciate funding assistance to help cover some expenses for their educational activities. They will look into completing the necessary paperwork to request funding support from the board.

Call to order: 6:57pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved.

Secretary's Report: October's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Correction for spelling Jamie was noted. Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Corey, seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

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

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

CWF update and scholarship qualification discussion

This is the first out of state travel opportunity being planned since Covid. We have three youth who have voiced interest in participating. There is a question about the reimbursement requirement for youth to have previously participated in the Youth Conference since it has been cancelled the past two years due to Covid. This item is being moved to new business so we can discuss and vote on a possible exception to this requirement.

Foods Workshop

Emily met with Peggy Maricle (Foods Revue leader), Betty Sacia (Foods Superintendent), and Amannda from Taylor Co about organizing a Foods Workshop. The event is planned for May 2022. It will be a 2 hour workshop focusing on how to prepare for Foods Revue and entering at the fair.

Eco-Wilderness Group

This is a new group that is just coming together, they are not yet a chartered group. It includes youth of all ages who are interested in getting outside, learning about nature and the WHEP program. They will be getting started with activities in January.

Fur, Fin, Feather - April 30

This will be an Area 13 event this year and we will be hosting it here in LaCrosse county.

Area Science Days

This is an event being considered but it will take a lot of planning and preparation. It was hosted here a number of years ago and a great event and it has been held in other areas of the state more recently. Right now it is just in the beginning stages of being discussed.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Gretchen

The Ag Society will hold their annual meeting next Thursday. In January they will be setting up a meeting with the New Youth Livestock group to discuss future changes for the fair for their project areas.

Ambassadors Report: by Emily Groth

The Ambassadors met in late October. They discussed and planned some upcoming events for January and February. They are planning a snow tubing or skiing event at Fort McCoy or Mount LaCrosse. They are also planning an etiquette dinner at the Waterfront.

They are looking to increase some programming opportunities for advancing Health & Wellness and Youth Leadership.

Fall Forum was held virtually last weekend. There were five Ambassadors who attended the program. They noted that the Keynote Speaker, Chad Littlefield from We and Me, Inc had some great things to say and offered advice on how to build a culture of connection and belonging.

Committee Reports:

Plat Book Discussion:

Last spring we voted to not sell platbooks again. We still have 3 year old books at the area banks and Extension office. It was asked if we want to collect those unsold books and not renew our seller's permit next February. This item was moved to New Business for discussion and a vote.

Achievement Celebration Recap:

We had about 70 people attend and it was a lovely event. The Garden Box Award was missed but that has since been resolved.

Leader's Holiday Party Update:

Carolyn shared that the Log Cabin in Bangor has been reserved for the event. There will be three meat choices for the dinner including tips, chicken, and ham. They are working on decorations and top secret giveaways. No entertainment is planned so that guests can instead enjoy a visiting time. Please be sure to RSVP for the event!

Clover College Update:

Emily has had a few instructors respond about leading classes for Clover College. She is still waiting on confirmation from Bangor schools for hosting the location. If we can't get a confirmation by December 15th, the event will be cancelled.

Expressive Arts Update:

Emily is planning to add more options for the event including more drama categories and

possibly make-up and costume categories. She will be starting to look for judges for the event in January.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

CWF Scholarship Discussion:

Jeff made a motion to temporarily suspend the requirement for attending Youth Conference for receiving partial reimbursement from the board for the next 2 years, re-evaluating in a year. Replacing the Youth Conference requirement with either letters of recommendation or an interview. Carolyn seconded the motion. Following discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Plat Book Discussion:

Carolyn made a motion to pull the platbooks from the banks and close our seller's permit. Gretchen seconded the motion. Following discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Honor Leaders/Friends of 4-H:

Nominations for Honor Leaders were made including Colleen Dixon and another anonymous leader that had been discussed privately. Carolyn made a motion to accept the two nominees, Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Nominations for Friends of 4-H including Todd and Linda Trautmann, Pat Stevenson and John Reusch of Cottage Grove Nursery were made. Carolyn made a motion to accept the three nominees, Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Elections:

Jeff made a motion to temporarily suspend the meeting to hold a separate meeting for elections. Linda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Board Elections
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Call to Order

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Nominations:

Position of At Large Rep: Mikayla Fechner
Position of Holmen-Mindoro Rep: Amy Thesing & Rick Shisler
Position of West Salem Rep: Pam Hoth
Position of Ag Society Rep: Marla Stello & Carolyn Christopherson
Position of Vice President: Corey Sjoquist - Declined

Introductions/speeches were made by present nominees and votes were taken.

For the position of At Large Rep, a motion to vote as a unanimous vote was made by Corey, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

For the position of West Salem Rep, a motion to vote as a unanimous vote was made by Corey, seconded by Carolyn. Motion Carried.

The position of Treasurer was discussed and decided that it isn't up for voting until 2022.

On January 1, 2022, Kirsten Harris can appoint people to any open positions.

Results:

Position of At Large Rep: Mikayla Fechner
Position of Holmen-Mindoro Rep: Rick Shisler
Position of West Salem Rep: Pam Hoth
Position of Ag Society Rep: Carolyn Christopherson

Welcome to the new board members!

Motion to end the election meeting made by Jeff and seconded by Gretchen. Motion approved.

Resume Business Meeting

Board Meeting Schedule:

Meeting time was discussed and agreed to keep it the 2nd Thursday of the month for 2022.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue, seconded by Linda. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next Meeting: January 13th at 7pm at the Hamilton Town Hall