

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

October 14, 2021  
Hamilton Town Hall

**Present:** Heidi Groth, Kirsten Harris, Jeff Janvrin, Peggy Maricle, Linda Saley, Corey Sjoquist, Sue Kramer, Kimberly Young, Carolyn Christopherson, Tom Fechner, Emily Crook, Summer Maricle, Mollie Manke, Rick Shisler

**Open Forum:** Jamie North was not able to attend but Sue shared the information she sent. We have the opportunity to purchase a slushie machine from Monroe County for \$75.00. The machine is 2'x3' and 5' tall including a stand. The cost to make a 16 oz slushie is about 36¢ including product, cup, and straw. The machine has a new agitator and motor and Jaime is very familiar with the operation and maintenance of the machine and available to help set it up. She has offered to pick it up and deliver it to the food stand (Linda noted that it could go in Stand 2.)

**Call to order:** 6:57pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved.

**Horse Project Update:** Videos were shared of 4-H members Serene Mather and Maclaine Heilman as they talked about their experience with the horse project this year. Maclaine also talked about how the group is working to add classes and encourage more participation in the project. Carolyn added that they are adding three new ranch classes (no bling), and switching things up a bit with the schedule at the fair to encourage more attendance. They currently have no requests for any funding from the board.

**Secretary's Report:** September's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kristen, seconded by Kimberly. Approved.

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

**Extension Office Update and Report:** by Emily

4-H Week Recap:

Emily submitted a news release to the newspaper. Senator Brad Pfaff and Representative Steve Doyle both made mentions promoting National 4-H week.

Record Books:

Kirsten came in and evaluated all the record books this year. There were 25-30 project records submitted this year.

Charters:

All clubs have submitted their financials. This year the rest of the charter is a simple online survey and is really quick to complete. Most clubs have also finished this part of the charter.

Meeting Locations for La Crosse:

Clubs in the La Crosse and Onalaska area are struggling to find meeting spaces due to COVID-19. Churches are closing their doors to outside groups leaving few options. Better Together has offered to help supply funds for renting space from Park and Rec so that the youth can continue to have spaces to meet during the cold months.

#### Clover College:

Clover College is scheduled for February 12, 2022. Emily is still waiting for confirmation from Bangor schools for using their space for the event. At this time she is moving ahead with the planning in hopes that it will all go on as planned. She will be sending out emails seeking instructors soon. She will make the final call by December 15th before any sign ups go out if the event would need to be canceled.

#### Officer Workshop:

Emily shared that the multi-county virtual officer training sessions have been more successful than traditional training so she plans to keep offering those. There is one coming up at the end of November.

#### ME Forms:

Emily has had 5-6 youth submit ME forms this year. Many are planning to attend the Youth Conference in Madison next summer.

#### Educational Opportunity:

Amanda is a transfer 4-Her from Taylor County, she attends UWL with the goal of becoming a 4-H educator someday. She has a keen awareness of all things fair, including foods. She is working to organize a Foods Workshop in our county and we should expect to be seeing her around.

#### Fall Forum:

We have several youth and adults signed up to attend the Virtual Fall Forum this year. The cost of the event is being fully reimbursed for the youth through the Ambassadors and ½ reimbursed for adults through the Leader's Board.

#### **Agricultural Society Rep. Report:** by Gretchen

Gretchen shared via email saying that there was not much new to report from the Ag Society. The Oktoberfest food stand went well. Also, the idea that was brought up last month to have fair check pick up on an evening next year was discussed and the Ag board agreed to do so.

#### **Ambassadors Report:** by Emily

##### Election Results:

President: Summer Maricle                      Vice President: Ruth Roths  
Secretary: Emily Groth                      Treasurer: Kate Fechner  
Leader's Board Reps: Mollie Manke & Emily Groth

The Ambassadors had about 14 or so members this year. They are excited to put together a Day Camp again next summer. The next meeting is October 24th.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Achievement Celebration:

Planning is in full force. About 60 people have RSVP'd to come. Due to supply problems with the company that makes the plaques and awards, it will mostly be just certificates handed out at the program with the awards being delivered at a later date.

##### Pancake Breakfast results:

Numbers were down just slightly from two years ago. Profits from the Pancake

breakfast were \$2882.45 and profits from the Food Stand came to \$444.71 each for the Leader's board and the Ag Society.

**Nominations Updates:**

We are still in need of a nomination for the Vice President position. Rick Shisler has joined the list of nominees as a Rep.

**Leader Holiday Party:**

The Log Cabin in Bangor is booked for the Leaders Holiday Party on December 2, 2021. The committee is working to put together the menu and it was discussed and agreed that we would forgo formal entertainment for the night and just enjoy visiting with each other.

**Unfinished Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

**Slushie Machine:**

Carolyn made a motion to purchase the slushie machine, Kirsten 2nd the motion. The vote passed and we are to be the new owners of the machine! The idea to select a yellow flavor and a blue flavor and the option to mix the two to create a Green 4-H Cooler flavor was made. It was obvious that this will be a fun addition to the food stand next summer!

**Food Stand Appreciation Dinner:**

Linda asked to organize a Food Stand Appreciation dinner at the Village Inn in Bangor for select volunteers who went above and beyond in helping with the Food Stand. She typically invites about 20 people and also gives out Kwik Trip gift cards along with other fun door prizes. Carolyn made a motion to approve the funding/scheduling of the dinner, Kimberly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the board.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda, seconded by Kimberly. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

**Next Meeting: November 11th at the Hamilton Town Hall**