

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

Thursday, February 12, 2022
Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Heidi Groth, Linda Saley, Peggy Maricle, Pam Hoth, Corey Sjoquist, Rick Shisler, Kimberly Young, Mikayla Fechner, Carolyn Christopherson, Emily Crook, Summer Maricle

6:45 Open Forum: None

Call to order: 6:57pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Secretary's Report: November's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Corey, seconded by Kimberly. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: November's Treasurer's Report was shared by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Corey, seconded by Kimberly. Approved.

December's Treasurer's Report was shared by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Kimberly, seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

January's Treasurer's Report was shared by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Carolyn, seconded by Mikayla. Approved.

Linda gave a report about the Adult Leader's Christmas party. About 60-70 people attended the event. She recapped the awards given out for Honor Leaders and Friends of 4-H. The gift item intended for guests was delayed, showing up just this week. Another item was given to everyone and the original item will be saved to give out next year. Thank you Carolyn and Linda for organizing the party!

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

Masking Situation:

There was a situation over mask policy that occurred during a Shooting Sports event. The 4-H masking policy is that we can request, but not require masks for events, except in cases where requiring is warranted. With the Pellet Gun program, leaders have asked that masks be required because they are shoulder to shoulder with the youth in assisting and teaching proper stance and aiming with the program. A family was unhappy with the requirement and the situation went up over Emily to a state level. The family has filed a religious exemption and it is now awaiting state review.

Binder Updates:

Emily handed out several pages to update Leader's Board binders including: contacts, events list, subcommittees, scholarships, bylaws and Robert's rules.

Graduation Idea:

Emily is looking for ideas to recognize our graduating seniors. Ideas were discussed including yard signs or a special event. It was finally agreed to put together a booth at the fair that will showcase all of the graduating seniors.

Office Update- new staff:

Karl Green has changed positions at the office and is now the Program Manager for local government education. His old position of Community Development Educator is now open.

Emily's 2022 Outreach plans

Emily is working on a few outreach projects this year. She is working to organize a Teen Court which is a program for youth with low level citations to go before a jury of peers in an informal process where they hold youth accountable for their offenses and hopefully prevent future delinquency.

She has also been contacted by Colleen Miller who has asked that the fair be more accommodating for those with special needs. Emily has a meeting set to talk to Marla and see what steps can be taken.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Carolyn

The Ag Society discussed the changes requested by the New Livestock Committee. Some of the changes being made are the showtimes for the Beef, Pig, and Sheep shows and the auction along with some Showmanship rules. It was also noted that the track at the fairgrounds will be resurfaced.

Emily attended the meeting in February where there was discussion about 4-H's role in the fair.

Ambassadors Report: by Summer

WLC Member!:

Emily Groth is a new member of the Wisconsin Leadership Council!

Etiquette Dinner:

The Ambassadors enjoyed an evening of fine dining at the Waterfront where they learned all about the etiquette of dining and worked on conversation skills. Summer was excited to learn the use of all the silverware for a formal dining occasion.

February/March Plans:

The Ambassadors will have a fun snow tubing day at Fort McCoy in February. Their March meeting will be a longer meeting including pizza and a Decision Making Workshop by Sandra Elsen.

Committee Reports:

Committee Sign ups:

Emily passed around sign up sheets for the subcommittees. There was a brief discussion about the Parade and Summer Camp committees and what is involved with them, along with a new committee for organizing a picnic for new families.

Clover College Updates:

Linda's club will be organizing the lunch stand for Clover College. They will be offering a \$5 meal and additional items available for \$1 each.

There are about 60 youth signed up for classes (which is about a third of our usual numbers.)

Emily is on the lookout for future Clover College instructors so if you know anyone with a unique hobby or interest that they would like to share with our youth, let Emily know!

Expressive Arts Update:

Expressive Arts Fest will be held at Christ St. John's in West Salem this year. There are some new options available for youth to present in and the event is expected to run from 8:00am-noon on March 12th. It was also discussed that the Leader's Board will provide some simple snacks for the morning.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

Goat Project Funding Request:

The Goat project submitted a funding request for reimbursement for an educational speaker that was brought in for the group. A motion to approve the full funding request was made by Pam, seconded by Summer. It was discussed that we have the funds available and decided they would come from our funds for personal growth. The motion was approved.

Scholarship Discussion:

American Spirit: We have 5 youth that have applied for the scholarship. We have budgeted to provide reimbursement of 75% of the cost for up to 4 youth. It was discussed that this year includes some youth who had originally planned to go on the trip in 2020 (when it was canceled) which is likely the reason for the increased numbers. A motion was made by Corey to exceed our budget for just this year and approve the scholarship funds of 75% of the cost for all five youth. Kimberley seconded, and the motion was approved.

Citizen Washington Focus: We have three youth planning to attend this trip. This trip requires an interview process for the participants. Emily is looking for a third adult leader to help Carolyn and Heidi with the interviews. Kimberly volunteered to be the third adult.

Fur, Fin, and Feather Show:

The show was planned to be held in LaCrosse county this year on April 30th. However our fairgrounds do not have a heated building available for the event so it is moving back to Monroe county.

Future Agenda Items:

Scholarship Spreadsheet Update:

Corey and Emily are on the committee and they decided to meet to discuss what updates should be made to the spreadsheet and they will bring it back to share with the board at a future meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 7pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Kimberly, seconded by Linda. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm