

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Kirsten Harris, Heidi Groth, Linda Saley, Peggy Maricle, Pam Hoth, Corey Sjoquist, Rick Shisler, Carolyn Christopherson, Emily Crook, Tina Langrehr, Emily Groth

6:45 Open Forum: None

Call to order: 6:57pm

Approval of Agenda: Items were added to the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Heidi, seconded by Carolyn.

Secretary's Report: March's Secretary's Report was shared via email. Motion to approve was made by Heidi, seconded by Pam.

Treasurer's Report: February's Treasurer's Report was shared by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Corey, seconded by Rick.

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily Crook

Enrollment Update:

We have passed the April 1st deadline for enrolling and being eligible for entering projects at the fair. We currently have 471 youth enrolled. This is down slightly from last year but we expect to be able to bring that up to around 500 in the coming months.

On the Farm event-La Crosse July 15

This is an event being put on by the La Crosse parks department. It will be held at Red Cloud Park. They are looking for 4-H to bring in some animals for the event. So far, Summer Maricle will be bringing in some bee keeping items to share.

YQCA Updates:

They have recently changed their website over. Emily has conducted 3 training events so far and has another one coming up in May.

Fur Fin Feather Update:

There will be no "Feather" entries due to the Avian Flu. The event will be held on April 30th in Sparta.

Summer Camp Dates - costs:

The camp will be held August 14-16 at Upham Woods. The cost is expected to be \$140 per youth and the Leaders Board offers a scholarship to cover ½ of that cost.

Question on Will Donations:

Emily had someone call with a question on how Will Donations should be worded so that the money goes to the local 4-H. Linda shared that it would go to the 4-H Fund at the La Crosse Community Foundation.

Dates for 2023 Events:

Emily has received the dates for the 2023 Shooting Sports calendar and she has set the dates for Expressive Arts Fest and Clover College. She will have those dates to share at next month's meeting.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Carolyn

The Ag Society will be repaving the race track and purchasing a tractor for the fair grounds. The new Livestock Youth group had their fundraiser and grossed approximately \$20,000 so they should have enough funds to cover costs for the year. There is a twilight meeting planned for June 6th.

Ambassadors Report: by Emily Groth

Workshop Update:

The Ambassadors had a 3 hour workshop about Problem Solving by Sandra Elsen and her colleague Dan. This month will be part 2 of the workshop.

Committee Reports:

Trip Scholarship Update - two backed out, will be refunded:

Citizen Washington Focus -Walter Ranis has chosen not to attend because he is not available for the selected week of travel.

American Spirit - Karina Dunn will not be participating in the American Spirit trip this year. Both payments are being refunded.

New Family Picnic?:

It was suggested to make it a picnic for all 4-H families with a special encouragement for new families to attend. It was decided to tie it to the Foods Revue event on Tuesday, June 28th and begin at 7pm with a tailgate theme. Carolyn will bring it up at the Ag Society's meeting to suggest having Marla there to help families with questions get signed up for the fair correctly. It was also suggested that all club leaders should be encouraged to attend.

Food Stand:

Jaime North has finished her training and is now a new Food Stand Manager. There will be a meeting on April 27th at 6:30pm for all clubs to have a representative attend to select their shifts for the fair. Linda shared some ideas that are being discussed for small remodel projects for the Food Stand. The Food Stand committee will meet on April 18th at 6pm at Culvers.

Craft Fair/National 4-H week:

Emily contacted the West Salem Legion and learned that they are already booked for October 8th. She is still looking at other location options. Several other suggestions were shared and Emily will look into them.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

2022-2023 Budget

The committee will meet tonight following the board meeting. They will present a proposed budget next month.

New Shirts:

Linda shared some options for new shirts for the board. The shirts will be \$25 each for adult sizes small through extra large, \$26 for 2XL and \$27 for 3XL. There was some discussion as to the size of the clover design and if it should be embroidered or screen printed.

Heidi made a motion to place an order for the green polo shirts with a 3" screen print clover and lettering design that will be paid for by members. Carolyn seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Linda will take shirt sizes following the meeting and collect costs at the May meeting.

Appointment:

Kirsten appointed Tina Langrehr as the new Vice President according to the bylaws, section 9.

Future Agenda Items:

Scholarship Spreadsheet Update- Corey and Emily will meet to discuss and share with the board.

Thrive survey results - Emily will have those results to share next month.

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

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda, seconded by Carolyn. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm