

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

June 9, 2022

Hamilton Town Hall

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

6:45 Open Forum: None

Call to order: 7:02pm

Approval of Agenda: Kimberly made a motion to approve the agenda. Carolyn seconded the motion.

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

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

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily

Summer Camp Update

Camp is August 14-16th at Upham Woods. Registration is open. There are about 4-5 kids registered so far and we have 4 youth that will be counselors at camp.

NAE4-HPYD Conference - Madison, WI

The National 4-H Youth Development Conference will be held in Madison this year in October. This is a training conference for the Youth Development adults from around the country and their focus will be on mental health and well-being. Emily is looking for sponsors for the event. She is looking at contacting Kwik Trip and Festival. Others also suggest reaching out to Menards, Culvers, Organic Valley, Gunderson, Mayo, LHI, AMPI, Allied Health and Compier.

2022-2023 focus for Emily

Emily is looking to focus on the 4-H program this coming year and work to beef up membership. She will be using the Thrive survey results along with visiting clubs to determine what youth are looking for within the 4-H program.

Events Calendar for 2022-2023

Emily shared the events calendar for the coming year. Most things are pretty set. Expressive Arts is being moved to January, Clover College will remain in February, a Foods Workshop is planned for March, and there will be a Loggers Day next June. She is still looking for a place to host Fur, Fin, and Feather for next year. Many locations were suggested for her to look into.

Financial Reports for Charter (due Sept 1, can start July 1 on them)

Emily will be sending out a reminder to clubs that the fiscal year ends on June 30th and that they can begin compiling their financial reports for their charters that are due September 1st.

VIP Training

The VIP training is being reworked to be more user friendly. They are working to have 3 individual sessions to cover the training that will be available in person or online. They are near completing the Safe Spaces modules. They still need to add 2 modules to the session to cover Title 9 topics and plan to have that done this fall. They are looking for volunteers to pilot this section of the training.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Carolyn

Carolyn reported that the Ag Society's May meeting primarily consisted of discussion on getting ready for the fair. They wanted to remind 4-H that we would need to find someplace to store our float during the fair. Heidi talked to Kevin Hoyer and he has a space that we can store the float at least through Oktoberfest and an area that we can use to work on updating the float. Heidi will check to see if we can plan to use the space year round and let us know.

Carolyn also noted that there was just one applicant for the Fairest of the Fair this year and that the Ag Society will be giving out 4 scholarships to graduating Seniors.

Ambassadors Report: by Emily Groth

May Meeting Update

The Ambassadors met for their first official business meeting since last November. They discussed upcoming events and future plans including working a booth at the Dairy breakfast, Craft fair discussion, professional development for next year, and possibly hosting a day camp next year.

Committee Reports:

4-H Family Tailgate Update

The tailgate is set for Monday, June 27th at 7pm following the Foods Revue. There was discussion that the event could be tied to different project events in upcoming years to help showcase projects.

Heidi has put together the entertainment for this years event including glow sticks, yard games, and ice cream. There will be sidewalk chalk and Rick will bring the 4-H float to help stir up interest in updating the float and club use.

Craft Fair Update

The Presbyterian church in West Salem has agreed to host our event. The event is being planned for October 8, 2022 from 8am-12pm. The Ambassadors are excited to help with the planning and logistics for the event. Tables will be available for registered 4-H youth to sell their creations and the event will be advertised to the public to attend.

Food Stand

Linda updated us on food stand happenings. Rick has been working on updates to add the slushy machine and the slushy machine is now in the building.

Linda shared costs for getting new signage for the food stand. She suggested 12" tall menu banners for each side of the food stand to be hung over the front windows (2 for side 1 and 1 for side 2), 2 double sided menu A-frames to put outside the stand, and a new fiberglass sign for the front of the food stand to replace the current sign that is 25 years old and faded and peeling. Her total cost for this signage is \$1097.86.

Heidi made a motion to approve up to \$1100 for the new signage. Rick seconded the motion. The funds were approved.

Discussion continued and Tina suggested that the fiberglass sign should be more symmetrical and have the 4-H clover on both sides of the sign which may make the sign longer and add to the cost. Emily Crook requested that we make sure to use the official 4-H logo clover. It was discussed that we could cut some costs by having only one menu banner for each side and those costs could be put toward the additional sign length if needed. Ultimately, Linda will work with the sign company to keep the cost under \$1100 and have new menu banners (one for each side), two menu A-frames, and a new Food Stand sign that includes the official 4-H clover on both ends of the sign.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Future Agenda Items:

Scholarship Updates

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kimberly, seconded by Tina. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next Meeting: August 11th at the Hamilton Town Hall