

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

August 11, 2022
Hamilton Town Hall

Present: Kirsten Harris, Heidi Groth, Linda Saley, Peggy Maricle, Pam Hoth, Emily Crook, Corey Sjoquist, Carolyn Christopherson, Emily Groth, Summer Maricle, Kate Fechner, Emily Fechner, Tom Fechner

6:45 Open Forum: Emily and Kate Fechner reported on their American Spirit East and their Citizen Washington Focus trips. They shared all the places they visited and their highlights.

Call to order: 7:13pm

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

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

Treasurer's Report: June's Treasurer's Report was shared by Linda. Motion to approve was made by Pam, seconded by Emily Groth. Approved.

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

Extension Office Update and Report: by Emily Crook

Summer Camp Update- Bussing cost

The cost for bussing to and from camp is \$800. We have 3 counselors and about 25 kids attending camp this year from La Crosse County. Heidi made a motion to have the Leaders Board cover the \$800 bussing costs plus \$75 per registered 4-H member reimbursement camp costs. Carolyn seconded the motion. There was discussion and it was noted that this is still under the amount budgeted for. The motion was approved.

Re-enrollment/Cloverline deadline idea

Currently we have no re-enrollment deadline. The Cloverline is sent to all families that are registered for the current year, as well as the previous year which includes several families that are not actively participating in 4-H. Emily would like to change this policy and remove unregistered families from the mailing list as of December 1st to encourage families to register earlier and to reduce the unnecessary mailing costs. Everyone agreed that this new policy was a good idea, but wanted to make sure it was noted to families in the Cloverline and via postcard to any families that would be removed from the list with a few weeks' notice.

Record Books due - Sept 8th - Review: Sept 11-15th, how to get more?

Emily would like to see more record books completed and turned in and is looking for suggestions on how to make that happen. Ideas were discussed including creating a Clover College class and changing the format of the record book.

It was also noted that record books would be available for review the week of September 11-15th and leaders could stop into the office to pick some up for review.

New County Awards suggestions

Emily met with youth, Emily Groth to discuss possible new county awards to better celebrate the achievements of the youth in our county and they are looking for more input. Some suggestions include a Generosity Award for youth, Club Thrive Award, Outstanding Cloverbud Award, and Club Community Service Award. Emily is also creating a process for people to nominate and/or apply for the awards. It was decided that this topic could use some time to brainstorm so board members will discuss it further next month.

Project List Updating in 4HOnline

Emily is working on updating the project list in 4HOnline and those updates are expected to take place for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

State Level Updates

Jose Goede is the new Outreach Specialist. His old position in Monroe is vacant and they are looking for replacements. He will be working to bring back Space Camp among other tasks he will be responsible for.

They have hired a new Volunteer State Specialist. The new VIP training is being worked on and slowing being released over the next year or so.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: by Carolyn

Carolyn reported that the Ag Society met on July 13th and discussed all things fair. They will have their Fair appreciation night on August 16th for superintendents. LYL checks went out to youth and overall the fair went pretty smooth.

Ambassadors Report: by Emily Groth

Emily Groth recapped the May meeting. There were no June or July meetings. Updates from the Night on the Farm were shared by Emily Crook.

Committee Reports:

Food Stand

Fair Report: It went well. Linda does not have the final numbers yet but she reported that we had over \$47,000 in sales which is up from last year. She also noted that costs are up from last year and she should have final numbers at the September meeting.

Pancake Breakfast: We sold 350 tickets this year, up from 280 last year. The total profit for this year's pancake breakfast came to: \$1824.30

4-H Tailgate Report

The event went well but wasn't greatly attended. There was discussion to make sure to have water and garbage cans available in the future and to move it to a Friday.

Scholarship Updates

Emily and Corey met to rework the Scholarship list. They condensed and revamped the list and shared the new revised list. A few changes were discussed and updated and Emily will get those changes made and will bring a final list next month for a vote.

Craft Fair

Everything is still on track. Emily will be meeting with Kate and Emily Fechner to work on more plans and will have more to report next month.

Achievement Celebration

It will be held at Western Technical College on October 27th. There will be a dinner at 6pm, followed by the Awards Ceremony at 7pm.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Future Agenda Items:

Scholarship Voting

New County Award discussion

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carolyn, seconded by Linda. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting: September 8th at the Hamilton Town Hall