

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

November 9, 2023– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Kaarina Dunn presented on the Youth Leadership Conference, Juliana and Kaarina Dunn both presented on the Summer Academy.

Attendance: Lynette Berg, Kirsten Harris, Linda Saley, Sue Kramer, Carolyn Christopherson, Rick Shisler, Stacey Sheffield, Pam Hoth; Emily Crook (extension educator); Ruth Roths and Mya Hoth (ambassadors)

Call to order: 6:55 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Approved - moved by Carolyn, seconded by Pam - approved

Secretary's Report*: October – (with minor correction) moved by Stacey, seconded by Mikayla - approved

Treasurer's Report*: October – moved by Carolyn, seconded by Kirsten - approved

Extension Office update and report:

- Notified that WKTY – radio station recently donated \$1000 from the WKTY Cares program for 4-H, check is coming soon, will decide on what to do with it in January.
- Communications Workshop – Nov 18 – still happening, has around 10 signed up so far with more promised to come.
- Shooting Sports Certification – Dec 2 – have a handful from other counties, need more from ours.
- Leadership Retreat – Jan 13 – More info to come – this is an opportunity for club officers (youth) to get training, but also adult volunteers. There will be curriculum available, activity ideas, and other resources.
- Membership report: As of the end of October we have 41 more Cloverbuds, 61 more youth in grades 3+ and 27 more volunteers for a total of: 207 youth and 32 adults.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

Carolyn: La Crosse Youth Livestock (LYL) sent a survey to families to get feedback on the auction. Next meeting is Dec 6th. AG Society is hoping to create a subcommittee to work on a new building for the dairy barn, woodcarvers, and bee exhibitions. Their annual meeting is November 15. They are discussing getting a Nashville entertainer for fair next year and will re-elect a few positions.

4-H Ambassador Report: (by Ruth and Mya)

- They completed the Myers Briggs assessment and reviewed how they applied to potential careers.
- Approved a t-shirt design for traveling La Crosse members – Emily shared the image with those in attendance, and the board is in favor of the design.

Committee Reports:

- Achievement Celebration – despite not having a program and a few meal issues – the event was successful with around 50 in attendance. Only 2 in attendance for 4H101 class.
- Holiday Party (Linda) – Log Cabin secured, Meatballs and chicken are the options. Leaders board was invited to bring in dessert to share if so desired.

- Clover College classes coming up – let Emily know if you know people who would be willing to share their interests and teach a class.
- Expressive Arts – Emily shared that the Ambassadors are working hard on promoting the event. Kirsten asked if they would visit club meetings to talk about it. Ruth indicated yes and we'll bring that to the next Ambassador meeting. Emily shared that the county purchased a subscription service for scripts to give clubs resources on performing arts, additionally she hopes to offer a class at Clover College for adults interested in providing acting opportunities in clubs.

Unfinished Business

- Elections
 - Vice President – no one present – potential people were discussed. Members will start recruiting.
 - Treasurer – nominated by Carolyn, seconded by Rick, Linda accepted, board approved.
 - Holmen Rep – nominated by Linda, seconded by Mikayla, Rick accepted, board approved.
 - West Salem Rep – nominated by Stacey, seconded by Linda, Pam accepted, board approved.
 - At – Large Rep – Mikayla would prefer to step down, no one else present, board will recruit.

New Business:

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Future Agenda items:

- Food Stand Handbook will be updated after December, potentially need to provide a tutorial of sorts.
- The board will ask Shari to write a thank you to WKTY for the donation.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2024