

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

January 11, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Alexa Heitkamp, WLC Proposal

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

Call to order: 7 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: (moved by Carolyn, seconded by Tina – approved)

Secretary's Report*: November – moved by Carolyn, seconded by Tina – approved with one correction

Treasurer's Report*: November – moved by Tina, seconded by Pam – approved; December – moved by Rick, seconded by Tina

Extension Office update and report:

- Leadership Retreat – cancelled due to winter storm warning, Officer Workshop is also offered at Clover College.
- Summer Camp Counselor/Chaperone – Emily applied for a grant through the WI 4-H Foundation to cover the cost of one youth per chaperone to provide additional benefit and recruit more chaperones. If not approved, she will cover the cost through her program budget for La Crosse Chaperones.
- Emily handed out the approved and updated by-laws from October, as well as the latest club contact sheet. She gave a brief update on transitioning and club concerns.
- Thrive Survey update – less of a response this year at 17%.
- 2023-2024 Enrollment Report – we are up 20% from this time last year with 341 youth enrolled and 54 approved volunteers and 20 volunteers in process.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

Carolyn: LYL meeting in December where they reviewed survey results from members. AG Society has decided to make the Pig show terminal. Sheep are looking to bring back the rate of gain. Goats are looking to add a market class. LYL and AG Society will meet Wed. January 17th.

4-H Ambassador Report: Ruth

- Career test is next on the list.
- Had an ice skating gathering at the Omni Center in December.

Committee Reports:

- Clover College Update: On target to have the same amount of attendance. Had a few cancellations, however, all is going okay.
- Nominations – Still need at-large member and vice president.

Unfinished Business

New Business:

- Account Signature Update Reminders – Lynette will stop by Union State Bank to get her signature on the account.
- WLC Scholarship adjustment proposal. Alexa presented the request to increase the scholarship amount from \$200 to \$300 annually in order to cover the new fee requested by the WI 4-H Leadership Council, which is \$100. This proposal was approved, motioned by Tina and seconded by Stacey.

Future Agenda items:

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Meeting adjourned, moved by Tina, seconded by Linda, at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2024