

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

February 8, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: none

Attendance: Linda Saley, Sue Kramer, Carolyn Christopherson, Nancy Wakefield, Tina Langrehr, Shari Hegland, Lynette Berg, Stacey Sheffield; Emily Crook, extension educator; Ruth Roths, youth

Call to order: by Lynette

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

Secretary's Report*: January – moved by Linda, seconded by Carolyn – approved.

Treasurer's Report*: January – moved by Sue, seconded by Stacey – approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Binder Updates – Activity scholarship policy sheet was distributed. One concern regarding the current policy: this year the county has 6 youth going to Space Camp, but current policy is to pay for 50% of cost for up to 5 members. The question was raised about how to address those. Linda noted that in previous years there has been more budgeted than was used. It was voted on to allocated funds budgeted for Advanced Space Camp in 2024, which does not have any participants, to cover the 6th Space Camp participant (see New Business for vote). It was suggested to update information to say that “Scholarship funds are available for a limited number of participants based on member evaluation forms and/or the amount budgeted and number of requests.” This would give the board flexibility in the future should it need to select from a larger number of participants or adjust the amount each individual is given to spread the budget across more members.
- Fair Mentor Update – Information was included in the Cloverline; one person has signed up to be a mentor to a family (new family or trying new project, etc.); we want to connect the more experienced families with newer families and members. Emily will connect families who fill out the online form.
- Kasey and PR work – She wants more challenging work and to get into PR/promotion. Examples would be videos for Clover College, Expressive Arts, etc.
- 2023-2024 Enrollment Report - as of today (Feb. 8) – 379 kids total (286 3rd grade and up, 93 Cloverbuds); 56 volunteers approved, 21 pending.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: Carolyn

LYL/Ag Society joint meeting was held in January; after that meeting Ag Society met and decided that the swine show will be terminal. The Ag Society voted not to have an LYL member on the Ag Society Board.

LYL meeting again in February. YQCA training will be March 6; 6 p.m. meeting, with YQCA at 6:30 at Bangor High School cafeteria. Free training with a veterinarian from Cashton.

There will be a sheep weigh-in to do a rate of gain competition this year; will be May 4 at the fairgrounds 9 to noon.

Ear tags were available for pigs, but not sheep at this time; will have different tags for sheep to be tagged at weigh in.

Next meeting is Tuesday night (Feb. 13).

4-H Ambassador Report: Ruth

- Alexa asked for input on activities at events like Fall Forum
- Members did a career quiz.
- Next meeting, Feb. 25.
- Also reported by Alexa that State Leadership Council is looking at a statewide community service project for National 4-H Week in October – something creative and statewide.

Committee Reports:

- Clover College Update – Saturday. 85 kids registered. 4-H 101 is for parents; 1 family signed up. New this year – will be a “chill room” if kids get done early from a class or need a break. Had requests for an art table to place things like ceramics projects until the end.
- Expressive Arts Coming Up - new location – were double-booked at Christ St. John’s. Will now be at the Administrative Center – theater performances in the Atrium, conference rooms for other competitions. March 9.
- Nomination: still need VP and At-Large – have sent an email to one prospective person. Ask through our clubs. Ranis family?

Unfinished Business

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New Business:

- Food Stand Training – As Kasey is doing video creation, a food stand training would be one project. Would need to stage it – late June or early July would be the earliest (sometimes the day of fair cleanup). Linda and Sue will talk about it; could be about the time they make the barbecue. Re: food stand staffing for Sunday afternoon/evening of the fair: Staffing is challenging. Idea for an “alumni crew” that afternoon. We are only open on Stand 1 after 1:30. Will need to have the club meeting as usual in late April with one representative for each club, then can set up the SignUp Genius to be open in the month of June. Emphasize the importance of notifying if you can’t be there for a shift you’ve signed up.
- Shari: Motion to allocate funds from Advanced Space Academy scholarships to cover the 6th participant in Space Camp for 2024. Seconded by Carolyn; approved.

Future Agenda items:

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Next Meeting: March 14, 2024

***Attached**

Adjourned: 7:47 p.m.