

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

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

Open Forum: NA

Attendance: Sue Kramer, Linda Saley, Rick Shisler, Carolyn Christopherson, Nancy Wakefield, Shari Hegland, Pam Hoth, Tina Langrehr, Jenny Wright, Brandon Wright, Stacey Sheffield; Emily Crook, extension; Mya Hoth, youth ambassador

Call to order: By Brandon Wright, VP – 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Carolyn, seconded by Nancy, approved.

Secretary's Report*: March – with amendments to add numbers from Clover College and attach the committee signup– moved by Stacey, seconded by Tina, approved.

Treasurer's Report*: March – moved by Tina, seconded by Pam, approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Fur Fin Feather Update – April 27 in Sparta. Emily is seeking raffle items for prizes. The event includes cats, rabbits, poultry, small animals.
- Dairy Breakfast Update – June 15 at the fairgrounds using the New Youth and Exposition Buildings – 4-H Ambassadors have not been contacted yet, but Emily will check on it. Will have a 4-H level update at next meeting.
- Achievement Celebration Update – Most of the response to switching to Wednesday night of the fair has been positive. Emily and Casey are working soon to determine new deadlines for splitting county achievement and club awards (club awards for September)
- 2023-2024 Enrollment Report - as of April 11, 2024 – 528 members (410 regular, 118 Cloverbuds)! 3% increase (512 in 2023); 69 volunteers, 25 pending. Barre Badgers is now the biggest club with 65 kids.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: Carolyn:

She did not attend the LYL meeting; need to smooth out wrinkles between ag society and LYL re: the terminal show decision for swine. Question of capacity at the locker plants.

Ag society meets again Thursday night.

4-H Ambassador Report:

- Mya Hoth – there was no meeting last month due to a weather cancellation.

Committee Reports:

- Food stand committee meeting 6:30 April 24; clubs get their first choice of their previous shifts. There may be some changes based on club size changes.

Unfinished Business

- Community Foundation Funds/Potential Scholarship – Linda – We will be getting \$1,200 distribution for 2024. Distribution may vary by year depending on income in the foundation's accounts.
We can take the entire amount, partial or leave it in. We can take it before or after July 1. Budget committee discussed using a trailer behind the food stand for doing money counting, etc. Total cost with insurance estimated around \$900 + \$300.
In 2023, we drew it out after July 1 to have it in the 2023-2024 budget.
Motion by Sue to take it out after July 1, to go into the account as general income. Carolyn seconded. Approved.

- The idea of a named scholarship was discussed with various options for creating it, including what it might take to create an ongoing endowed scholarship or the already general budgeted funds or additional amounts to designate a named scholarship in addition to the existing scholarships. No action was taken at this time.

New Business:

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Future Agenda items:

- CD at 1st Community Credit Union – we have a 21-month CD coming due; a decision will be needed about whether to roll it to something else based on interest rates at the time.
- Budget committee report and approval of 2024-25 budget.

Motion to adjourn by Tina, seconded by Sue.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2024