

**La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board
Draft Meeting Agenda**

March 14, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum:

Attendance: Linda Saley, Sue Kramer, Nancy Wakefield, Rick Shisler, Shari Hegland, Lynette Berg, Tina Langrehr, Pam Hoth, Carolyn Christopherson, Jenny Wright, Brandon Wright; Emily Crook

Call to order: 6:55 p.m.

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

Secretary's Report*: February – Moved by Linda, seconded by Pam – approved.

Treasurer's Report*: February – Moved by Rick, seconded by Jennifer – approved

Extension Office update and report: Emily

- Binder Updates - Leader Board Contact Updates – introduced the new board members for appointment: Jennifer Wright (at-large) and Brandon Wright (VP)
- Summer Camp Update – La Crosse County has 3 chaperones and 2 counselors interested; opening registration April 1, deadline June 1. We go with a five-county area. Are focusing some effort onto preparing families for camp, will have a family packet, and extra training for counselors (optional), plus a zoom to meet counselors and chaperones in advance.
- Graduating Senior Report – 18 graduating this year – will get window clings that say “4-H Alumni.”
- 2023 Thrive Survey Results* -- 33 responses; all of the categories were .2-.3 points higher than last year.
- 2023-2024 Enrollment Report - as of today – 466 members (basically on par with 2019); need about 50 more to match last year; 64 approved volunteers, 21 awaiting approval. Would be good to start thinking about recruitment events for fall 2024.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

LYL meeting included YQCA training with a good turnout. Lamb weigh-in will be May 4. Ear tags still available for \$1 each. Discussion about June Dairy Days food tent, but no response.

Pork Twilight meeting will be June 3.

Animal IDs due May 5.

Ag Society: June Dairy Days breakfast at the fairgrounds June 15. Will use expo and new youth buildings. With the swine terminal show, there will be specified locker plants or can go to Fennimore or Equity for auction to go straight to slaughter. With the terminal show, there is less testing required; this to address issues with disease transmission and to save money for exhibitors. Whether to continue as a terminal show or go back to an open show (with additional testing) for future years will be discussed after the fair.

4-H Ambassador Report:

- Food Stand Training – Ambassadors will do a video in late June/early July.
- Summer Plans – They want to do a summer camp idea (such as log-rolling); Emily would like to encourage them toward being involved in a booth at back-to-school events.

Committee Reports:

- Clover College facility fee – Linda – Feb. 10 at Bangor Elementary, 9-2, 89 youth total attended: 83 were 4-H members, 6 were community members – total disbursement \$1,627.08. Income \$734. Costs: \$500 to the Bangor Schools for use of the building. Overage of class costs for instructor materials, etc. \$893.08.

- Expressive Arts Report – Emily – was March 9, at the County Administrative Center; more clubs represented than last year; total participation almost back to pre-Covid levels. Hope to expand options to possibly include stage makeup, costume design, cosplay options. About 40 kids participated.
- Scholarship Applications (5) – We have approved funds for up to 5 (\$300 each). Moved by Carolyn to approve all five applicants. Seconded by Tina. Approved.
 - Alex Kunce
 - Elizabeth Klar
 - Emily Fechner
 - Hannah Johnson
 - Kate Fechner

Unfinished Business

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New Business:

- VP and At-Large Role Appointments – Jennifer Wright was appointed as at-large representative; Brandon Wright as vice president; appointed by Lynette Berg, president; Linda second; approved.
- Issued \$50 to the vice president for Sunshine Committee use as needed.
- Update Board Committees* - passed around to sign up for the committees (discussion during committee signup was to drop the family picnic for 2024; Achievement Night will be moved to the fair, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. as part of the evening that include fashion revue.)
- Shirts for New Board Members – prices are \$21 for S-XL; \$23 for 2X; \$24 for 3X. Last ordered them four years ago. Members pay for their own. Anyone who wants one, let Linda know and get her the money.
- Community Foundation Distribution Funds for 2024 – Linda — Each year, we get a distribution based on the earnings. We are eligible for \$1,200 this year; can either leave it in the funds, take part of it, or take all of it out. Can choose to take it right away or delay to after July 1 so it is in our next budget year. Can request any time up to Dec. 1, 2024. Movement to table decision until after budget meeting – moved by Shari, seconded by Pam, approved.

Future Agenda items:

- Scholarship in Bill Hanson's name

Next Meeting: April 11, 2024

***Attached**