

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

May 9, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Vivian Kowalski, Space Camp Presentation

Attendance: Lynette Berg, Linda Saley, Sue Kramer, Nancy Wakefield, Carolyn Christopherson, Shari Hegland, Stacey Sheffield, Rick Shisler, Brandon Wright, Pam Hoth, Tina Langrehr, Jenny Wright; Emily Cook, extension; youth Ruth Roths and Mya Hoth.

Call to order: 7 p.m., by Lynette Berg, president

Approval of Agenda: moved by Linda, seconded by Carolyn, approved.

Secretary's Report*: April – moved by Carolyn, seconded by Sue, approved as written.

Treasurer's Report*: April – moved by Tina, seconded by Pam, approved as presented.

Extension Office update and report:

- Fur Fin Feather Report: Held in Sparta April 27, attendance down slightly from last year. Rabbits, chickens, cats, birds, lizards; opportunity for a practice presentation for 3rd grade and up; K-2 could do posters or photography. Cooperative event for all of Area 13, but also open to other ages.
- Dairy Breakfast Update: June 15 – Emily has been in touch with an organizer (Tom Knudsen) to make them aware we are interested in helping with the education area, but need to clarify specifics still regarding what the activity would be (depends on whether animals will be there or not, which hinges on insurance). Tickets are available on sale now (Linda saw them at River Bank).
- Clothing Revue: June 23 – at the county administrative center
- Foods Revue: June 24 – also at the admin center
- WI 4-H Policy Update – Wisconsin 4-H is allowing clubs and groups to have debit cards and Venmo accounts. This will help clubs streamline receiving funds and making payments (such as for hotels, etc.).
- FYI for next meeting: Key Awards information at next meeting.
- Current enrollment approx. 536.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

No LYL meeting in May.

Ag Society: A new Fairest of the Fair has been crowned: Hannah Johnson; junior is Alexis Heitkamp.

Fair books are out online or can be purchased hardcopy for \$5 from Marla at the fair office.

4-H Ambassador Report: Mya

- Expressive Arts Fest met SMART goal to include 2 more clubs and increase attendance.
- Discussed the concept of moving Clover College to the fall (November).
- Cloverbud Day Camp with Monroe County ambassadors sometime in August; will meet jointly over Zoom in May to pick a date and a space.
- Meeting: May 19

Committee Reports:

- Food Stand Committee—Linda: Have sent bids to businesses for fair stand purchases. Expect prices to change, but have not finalized them yet.
 - Signarama can create number stickers for any changes rather than creating new banners for the updates.

- New signs from Kwik Trip will correct from 4-H “Club” to “La Crosse County 4-H Clubs” and from “Dairy Farmers” to “La Crosse Area Farmers”– signs will include 4-H emblem and Kwik Trip’s logo.

Unfinished Business

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New Business:

- Proposed 2024-2025 Budget* - (Pam, Sue, Jenny and Linda): (Attached)
 - We try to be conservative on budgeting income to accommodate variable results; kept it the same as previous year’s budget.
 - Similar approach regarding expenses; did increase the total by \$100.
 - Did remove \$100 under Leader Support: Association Meetings.
 - Total 23-24 expenses \$30,452 YTD; 24-25 budget of \$62,950
 - We do still have funds available to use through June 30, 2024.
 - Rick moved to accept the budget; seconded by Carolyn; approved.
- Transfer \$5K – from Money Market account at First Community to the share draft account used for the fair. Would do the actual transfer in mid-June. Tina moved to transfer \$5,000 to the shared draft account; seconded by Pam; approved.
- Approval to pay yearly food stand rent \$600 (Ag Society technically owns the building) — moved by Stacey, seconded by Rick – approved.
- Approval for RV/camper rental for food stand — quote from Pleasureland Sports which includes \$300 just for delivering it, with insurance – rental total would be \$1600+ with \$750 returned after (plus the delivery fee); we could potentially rent from a private party if someone has an available one. Would need it July 15-22. Moved by Shari, seconded by Carolyn to approve up to \$2,000 for rental giving Linda permission to choose. Approved.
- Need to make a decision regarding \$5,000 CD that will be due May 19; motion by Sue to transfer it to a new 5-year CD; seconded by Nancy; approved.

Future Agenda items:

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Next Meeting: June 13, 2024

Adjourn: Linda, Tina

***Attached**