

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

January 9, 2025– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Linda Saley presented a 4H quilt of Bill Hansen's, to the Leaders Board. He would like it displayed at the fair, in his name, instead of throwing it away. Discussion to make an enclosed case, find a place in New Youth Building and possibly move club booths. Hoping to display behind stage, but we need to look into that more extensively. Lynette took quilt from Linda Saley, measures at 71" wide x 98" long, she will keep it at her house for now. Jackie Thingvold will check with Eagle Scouts and Dustin Heitkamp about making a custom case. More discussion at next meeting.

Attendance: (Erin Gelling excused) Sue Kramer, Stacy Sheffield, Lynette Berg, Eric Crammond, Nancy Wakefield, Pam Hoth, Carolyn Christopherson, Jenny Wright, Jackie Thingvold, Emily Crook

Call to order: 7:04 by Stacy Sheffield

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Lynette, seconded by Jackie, approved

Secretary's Report: Moved by Pam, seconded by Eric, approved

Treasurer's Report: November moved by Jackie and seconded by Carolyn. December's report had 1 spelling error, moved by Jackie and seconded by Carolyn, approved

Extension Office update and report:

- Rotary Lights Report – Parade and participation went well.
- Membership Report – Membership is up 20% compared to this time last year. We are at 48 volunteers, several in training process yet.
- Clover College Update – Will be held at Bangor Elem School again this year, there will be no ceramic class this year!
- Rabbit Project ReOrg – Dawn Pettit is Leader for the Rabbit project, Reorganization will be happening to get it chartered.
- Leadership Retreat Proposal – Emily is organizing an Adult volunteer and Youth officer training Retreat. Would like to hold this event in side room at West Salem Library on March 22nd. Asked for \$25 to rent room, \$50 refundable deposit for room key and will need money later for food/snacks during event. A motion was made by Sue, seconded by Jenny, approved. Dispersed both \$25 and \$50 check to Emily, both written out to West Salem Library.
- Expressive Arts Festival will be April 26th

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

Carolyn: The construction on a new Dairy Bar/bee keeper/bathroom building at the Fairgrounds is moving forward, hoping to be completed this year by fair time. Next LYL mtg is Jan. 13th

4-H Ambassador Report: Emily reported, Ruth and Mya were both sick.

- Escape Room Report -Alexa Heitkamp walked in to do a report on National Congress, so she reported on their Escape Room activity, her group made it out!
- Community Service Committee – Formulating some subcommittees, wanting to do more community service.
- Draft of Food Stand Video – Video is complete, but editing is still in progress
- Next Meeting: Jan. 26

Open Forum added: Alexia Heitkamp reported on National Congress in Atlanta. She was one of 45 4H members from Wisconsin, there were delegates from most states. Learned about African and Southern Culture, completed community service and networked with many youth, she said it was a great learning experience. \$350 was reimbursed to Alexa by the Leaders Board.

Committee Reports:

- Holiday Party Report – Went well, venue was nice. Howard Larsen’s gift was not at the Party, but it arrived the next day, Emily says this was been given to him. Discussion on reserving the West Salem Legion for next year’s party, Carolyn & Lynette will look into that.
- [Subcommittee List](#) Discussion/SignUp*

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business:

- Float Maintenance Update & Request – Service was needed on the float trailer, new tires and maintenance, the total came to \$225.56. Moved by Lynette and seconded by Jackie to reimburse Emily for the cost of repairs
- Treasurer Resource Request – A request was made by Sue to get a tablet or laptop for Treasurer report’s. Emily will check with extension to make sure the Leaders Board is able to purchase a computer, would need excel and Microsoft word, but now there is a yearly subscription fee. More discussion at next mtg
- Jackie Thingvold explained how Community Night was a thing in the past. She is interested in starting it up again, more discussion on this in future.
- Emily handed out 2 new sheets for our binders: 1) Project and Club Leaders list updated
2) 2025 4H Leaders Board list with contact info

Future Agenda items:

- Food Stand Meeting Report – There is an upcoming Food Stand Committee meeting Jan. 16th 7pm

Meeting adjourned by Lynette and seconded by Jenny, approved

Next Meeting: February 13, 2025