

**La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board Minutes**  
**November 14, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)**

**Open Forum:** N/A

**Attendance:** Sue Kramer, Nancy Wakefield, Tina Langrehr, Pam Hoth, Shari Hegland, Carolyn Christopherson, Lynette Berg, Stacey Sheffield, Jenny Wright; youth Mya Hoth and Ruth Roths; extension educator Emily Crook; new nominees Eric Crammond, Erin Gellings, Jackie Thingvold

**Call to order:** 6:55 p.m.

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

**Secretary's Report\*:** October – moved by Pam, seconded by Tina, approved.

**Treasurer's Report\*:** October & Pancake Breakfast moved by Shari, seconded by Carolyn; approved.

**Extension Office update and report:**

- Rotary Lights Participation – update – set-up time slots are filled, have about 50% of the parade slots filled, but still need a driver for that Friday; Emily will handle taking down the tree on Jan. 1; for Jan. 3 we have enough for the 9-12:30 shift, could use more for second shift for takedown of the whole park.
- Membership Report – as of end of October there are 249 youth (172 of those are 3<sup>rd</sup> and up; last year total at this time was 207); 28 volunteers through the system (same as last year).
- 2025 Expressive Arts Festival: April 26, 2025, Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse
- American Spirit registration is out – cost is \$2,900; the Leaders Board may want to discuss the scholarship policy re: what percentage the Leaders Board can pay – currently 75%.

**Agricultural Society Rep. Report:**

Carolyn: LYL will continue as its current structure; there is a board in place: president Aaron Langrehr vice president Wade Olson, secretary Mel Hart, treasurer Steve Huffman, social media Kaitlyn . Ag Society annual meeting will be Nov. 21 at Hunter's in West Salem. The ag society has been granted \$100,000 in county fund to use toward bathrooms, location TBD. Possibly near arena. Dairy bar and the water booth will be rebuilt – contractor in place. Next projects will be with electrical service.

**4-H Ambassador Report:**

- Met Oct. 27
- Working on Rotary Lights parade and tree.
- Next meeting: Escape Room, Nov. 24, plus pizza

**Committee Reports:**

- Holiday Party Update
  - West Salem Legion booked for Dec. 12. Need to approve the contract - \$200 if we are not members; Lynette has a "member" in her family. Typical attendance – 60.
  - Options are potluck or they make food – luncheon (\$10) or dinner option (\$13 for a single meat other than beef tips; \$4 more for two choices). We choose to do a two-meat option of baked chicken and meatballs; mashed potatoes; macaroni salad and coleslaw; green beans. Meal will include coffee and punch. Bar will be open. Doors open at 6 and serve at 6:30. Carolyn is checking on Kwik Trip for desserts or board members may bring desserts to share.
  - Have decorations from last year.
  - Gift exchange – mark guy/girl/either.
  - Moved by Stacey, seconded by Tina to approve plans as listed above.
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  - Friend of 4-H to be given: Prairie Moon Nursery has been helping Smith Valley with a service project and Debbie Abrahamson, photography superintendent
  - Honor Leader– Tina Johnson and Nancy Solder and others as nominated
  - Installment of Officers

- Nominations:
  - Hello Erin, Jackie and Eric!
  - Still need 3 more positions if possible.
  - President: 2-year – nomination of Stacey Sheffield by Tina, seconded by Shari, approved.
  - Vice president: 3-year, nomination of Eric Crammond by Pam, seconded by Stacey, approved.
  - Secretary: 2-year – nomination of Erin Gellings by Tina, seconded by Carolyn, approved;
  - Holmen-Mindoro rep: 2-year – nomination of Jackie by Shari, seconded by Stacey, approved.
  - Still needed: Bangor rep: 1-year; at-large rep: 2-year; La Crosse rep: 2-year (Nancy may stay on as needed)

### **Unfinished Business**

- 2025 Food Stand Management Discussion
  - State Research Follow Up – no positive feedback from counties who have used paid managers
  - Need at least two co-managers: one does bidding, one does the food end; current committee is down to only 4 people; meetings begin in January. Sue has a lot of the information and files re: vendors, Reinhart Food store, reps from Kwik Trip, etc. Sue has been in contact with some of them through the transition and is making personal connections. She can take on that vendor relationship part.
  - Cat (haven't been able to connect with her) and Eric is willing to assist.
  - Need committee members
  - 4-H will pay for the Serve Safe class for managers, but ask for a commitment to the program for the length of that certification
  - Emily: office may be able to take on the Signup Genius and volunteer organization tasks
  - Need to create a list of tasks involved in the food stand committee and management to discuss at an open meeting (Eric will help Sue with this prior to the meeting)
  - Opening meeting for anyone interested in the food stand – Jan. 16, location TBD, 7 p.m.
  - April is when clubs sign up for shifts.

### **New Business:**

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### **Future Agenda items:**

- Review food stand task lists
- Youth representation on the board — can youth fill positions?

**Next Meeting: Besides Holiday Party - January 9, 2025**

**\*Attached**