

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

October 10, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Mulholland Family: Ceci and Grayson, American Spirit; Alexa Heitkamp re: WLC and National 4-H Congress trip

Attendance: Sue Kramer, Pam Hoth, Shari Hegland, Stacy Sheffield, Carolyn Christopherson; Ruth Roths, youth; Emily Crook, extension educator.

Call to order: 7:00 – by Shari; not enough members for a full quorum, so the meeting was discussion only with no votes taken beyond approving agenda, secretary's report and treasurer's report.

Approval of Agenda: Adjusted to correct year designations for member terms. Moved by Carolyn; seconded by Pam – approved.

Secretary's Report*: September – correction to a typo; Moved to approve by Pam, seconded by Stacy; approved.

Treasurer's Report*: September – Moved to approve by Shari, seconded by Pam; approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Craft Fair (Oct 12) Update – 8-9 tables of 4-H member items; a little less than last year. Combo of clubs and individuals/families. Baked goods, artwork, crocheting, some have done pumpkins, books, etc.
- NAE4-HYDP Conference – Boise – National conference, Emily is on a standing committee for trainings which earned a national award.
- Rotary Lights Participation – 4-H will have a tree; will bring it to the Ambassadors for a day to do the tree, which will be undecorated Jan. 1, and a day to take things down (Jan. 3 – is a Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – will need a few volunteers); parade is a possibility on Friday, Nov. 29.
- Membership Report – As of Oct. 10, 208 youth registered (67 Cloverbuds); 39 volunteers (24 completely approved) – youth is up a lot from last year; ME forms – 6 kids who have turned them in for travel (2 for ArtBeat, 2 for Summer Academy, 1 Fall Forum and 1 maybe, a couple possible CWF)
- Updated leader list for 2024-25 distributed; Chelsea Johnson becoming leader of Striped Strivers; Strumlins at Brown's Valley still in process; may need to seek Bangor Township and Mississippi Mud leaders. New collaborator for poultry, and another for Clothing Revue. (See new list)
- 2025 Clover College Confirmation - Feb 22, 2025 – Bangor Elementary; will be seeking out past volunteers/instructors.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

September meeting: Oktoberfest races work schedule; maintenance needs on the fairgrounds; ag society will have a private meeting with LYL, but not until they have officers in place. There will be no terminal shows for 2025. Next meeting is next Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Fair will close at 5 p.m. on Sunday in 2025.

4-H Ambassador Report:

- Met - Sep 22 – For November meeting will go to La Crosse Escape Room. Have a few new members joining.
- Next Meeting - Oct 28 – will be doing SMART goals.

Committee Reports:

- Food Stand – Oktoberfest Pancake Breakfast Report – sold out of pancakes by 11:15, served more than 500; ran out of milk; had to purchase more pancake mix. \$4,800 came in; some bills remain to be paid before having final profit.
- Nominations:
 - Terms ending and needing filled: Vice President (3yr) Secretary (2 yr), La Crosse-Onalaska Rep (2 yr)

- Situational: President (2 yr), Treasurer (Sue has agreed to take this position for the next year), Holmen-Mindoro Rep (2yr), Bangor (1 yr to backfill Sue's term) Possible: At-Large Rep (1 yr)
- Board members encouraged to talk with others who could be possible nominees; Emily has some names to follow up with.

Unfinished Business

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New Business:

- 2025 Food Stand Management Discussion – Jackson County, Monroe County, Houston County (Minn.) all already use or are seeking a paid food stand manager; one requirement should be having and/or taking the food service class (we budget for that). We have to refer to it as an “honorarium” – but cannot technically hire someone. Or utilize a contracted “vendor” – the question was asked of whether that has to be an incorporated business or could be an individual operating as a sole proprietor. The Food Committee is also seeking new members; Sue has one name for a Food Committee member. Emily will seek more information regarding what other counties are doing re: payment, contracts, menus, etc... Hoping to have actionable information by November meeting understanding that serious planning and ordering begins in February.
- 2024 Holiday Party Discussion – Carolyn has talked with West Salem Legion re: Dec. 5 and Dec. 12; the board has already approved a holiday party in the annual budget. As the committee chair, Carolyn is empowered to reserve a space. A show of hands offered a preference of Dec. 12. Friends of 4-H and Honor Leaders recognition are given at the party. (One suggestion for recognition would be the Boris family who redid the float.) Other suggestions for recognition welcome.
- SMART goals for the charter – Discussion agreed to adjust the retention goal (from 90% to 85%, based on only 80% retention in 2023-24) and otherwise repeat the same goals as 2023-24. These need to be submitted prior to the next official meeting

Future Agenda items:

Adjourn: Moved by Carolyn, seconded by Pam.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024

***Attached**