

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board

Minutes

September 12, 2024– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: Dunn Family (Kaarina, Juliana, and Lynley), David Elsen (National Leadership Conference)

Attendance: Lynnette Berg, Sue Kramer, Stacy Sheffield, Brandon Wright, Jenny Wright, Pam Hoth, Shari Hegland, Rick Shisler, Tina Langrehr; Ruth Roths, youth representative; Emily Crook, extension educator

Call to order: 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: moved by Jenny, seconded by Tina; approved.

Secretary's Report*: August & Sept 4 – Moved by Pam to approve both reports, seconded by Rick; approved.

Treasurer's Report*: July & August – moved by Tina to approve both reports as submitted, seconded by Stacy; approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Pump House Update – now on display through Oct. 12 (Sunday?). About 50 items – lower than usual. Reception, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 5-7 p.m.
- Record Book Update – Similar number of record books to last year – 10 individuals, some for multiple projects.
- Craft Fair (Oct 12) Update – A few clubs are working on having their own table(s) along with families who are interested. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at OmniCenter. Will be in the conference room close to the front door, should be more accessible than last year.
- Statewide 4-H meeting today shared projects for the year: Adding language to the behavioral agreement for both youth and volunteers which holds parents accountable for their actions (still not specified). Reminder for each club to have at least 2 adults to be re-enrolled before meetings.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report:

No report available.

4-H Ambassador Report:

- Meeting - Aug 11 – New officers for the Ambassadors were elected at this meeting.
- Day Camp Report - Aug 17 – About 14 Cloverbuds attended; 16 youth/adults; theme was “4-H Grows Here” – Monroe County hosted the lunch, activities around what plants need (water, soil, sun, air) – a lot of effort from the Ambassadors into preparing for their sessions.
- Next Meeting - Sept 22

Committee Reports:

- Food Stand - Pancake Breakfast Report — \$27,910 profit, was the best year the food stand has had financially. A breakdown of the finances was included in the Leaders Board packet for this meeting.
- Oktoberfest Races Pancake Breakfast – Sue and Emily will send out signup for two shifts (6-10 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Oct. 6, serve 7-11 a.m.; make sure signs are up around the fairgrounds beginning Wednesday/Thursday; and take to the announcer at the track.
- Holiday Party - West Salem Legion possibly – Carolyn has been looking at different venues; date is usually early December (most likely 5th or 12th) – finalize next month
- Nominations - VP, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. – Terms roll over in January (Carolyn has told Emily previously she would do a second term as Ag Society Rep; Nancy has not been asked re: La Crosse area rep; Stacy would run again as an at-large rep; will need to fill treasurer; will need to fill secretary position; always need a VP candidate) – elections will be in November.

Unfinished Business

Future Agenda items:

- Smart goals for the charter which is due in November
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New Business:

- Questions for Adam Hadley
 - Members of the board and from the audience questioned the process used to determine validity of accusations against volunteers. Adam presented how the process should work, but was unable to address the specific incident and volunteer in question due to confidentiality restrictions and potential pending legal action.
- Questions from the Striped Strivers for Emily regarding why parents in the club had not been notified that the club's leader was no longer a volunteer and that there was no leader at the time.
- Several members of the board verbally expressed their intention to resign from the board and left the meeting. (Resignation of Rick Shisler, Holmen-Mindoro representative confirmed via email after meeting. No others responded to request from secretary for verification.)

Adjourn: Motion by Tina, seconded by Pam to adjourn the meeting; no vote due to loss of a quorum.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2024

***Attached**