

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

**March 13, 2025– Hamilton Town Hall (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)**

**Open Forum:**

- Kaarina Dunn: Ignite Experience
  - Ignite Experience is hosted in March in Washington DC each year. They are looking for people from the Youth Service Club to attend, and have presented to Youth Service Club about the opportunity. Flights are \$2000 per participant, and the conference fee is \$11,000. In the past the conference fee has been covered by Wisconsin 4-H, but they are unsure if the state will be able to cover the cost this year. They are seeking 2 to 8 participants and funding for 2026.

**Attendance:** Sue Kramer, Stacey Sheffield, Eric Crammond, Nancy Wakefield, Carolyn Christopherson, Jackie Thingvold, Ruth Roths, Emily Crook, Kelsey Giraud, Jenny Wright

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm by Stacey Sheffield

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

**Secretary's Report\*:** [February](#) A revision is needed that Sue asked Emily for clarification with the rent check for the West Salem Library. Moved by Sue, seconded by Carolyn, approved.

**Treasurer's Report\*:** [February](#) A revision is needed to show that the Union State CD started with an amount of 5308.42, and the 1st Community Credit started with an amount of 5090.18. Moved by Carolyn, seconded by Nancy, approved

**Extension Office update and report:**

- Membership Report
  - We have 480 youth enrolled, including 116 cloverbuds, which is 3% more than last year. Emily learned a new way of sharing data through reports that will be communicated to club leaders soon.
- Clover College Numbers
  - 65 of 67 youth signed up and attended Clover College. Stacey reported the food stand went well. If you have ideas for a clover college program, let Emily know.
- Senior 4-H members Window Cling Count/Expense
  - There are 19 graduating seniors, Emily is working to order window clings for each.
- Binder Updates
  - Emily distributed binders and updated contents

**Agricultural Society Rep. Report:**

La Crosse Youth Livestock (LYL) had their meeting on March 5th, 2025. They discussed requirements youth must complete to sell livestock, Ear Tags were for sale for \$1 each, and the Pork Twilight meeting will be held on June 2nd. They are unsure if they will have an ultrasound available at the fair this year, the feedback from families has been mixed about if it will be necessary. Next meeting will be April 2nd, 2025.

**4-H Ambassador Report:**

They opted not to continue the Little Free Library project, and instead did a food drive, with donations going to the Western Technical College Cupboard. The food stand video has been completed and is ready to be shared.

**Committee Reports:**

- Food Stand Update

- Sue and Emily met briefly before tonight's meeting. They will be getting paper containers for chili dogs and brats with sauerkraut to be carried out in. They have also found a prepackaged nacho bag to help with consistency, and a plastic container for easy take-away. They will have a foam container to put cheese curds in, triangle pizza boxes for individual slices, and square boxes for whole pizza carry out. French fry bags will also be used, with a standardized funnel to transfer from the fryer to bag. Sue attended the food show and was able to get many of the paper products needed. They are looking into expanding the cookie varieties available. The club sign up is being moved to a digital format where clubs will be allowed to adjust or keep their usual times.

### Unfinished Business

- Computer Purchase Follow-up
  - Stacey and Sue went on a fact-finding mission to Best Buy and Sam's Club and found several options, which were present.
  - Erin and Emily will work together to draft an acceptable use policy and agreement.
  - A motion was made to use the La Crosse Community Foundation Distribution and up to \$300 from the appropriate line item of the budget to purchase two Sam's Club laptops, one Quickbooks license, two Microsoft Office Licenses, two protection plans, and laptop cases. Moved by Jenny, seconded by Jackie, approved.
- Ethics Posters Update
  - The poster committee utilized the 4-H code of conduct to design the poster presented tonight. Lynette said she is willing to present to the AG Society to see if we are able to have this be a code of conduct for all fair participants, not just 4-H members.
  - There was a discussion of content of the drafted poster and where to post signs with AG society approval. A motion was made to approve the content of the poster, with some changes to the formatting to send to the AG Society for their approval and guidance. Moved by Jackie, seconded by Sue, approved. Carolyn agreed to present the current idea to the AG Society at their next meeting.

### New Business:

- 2025 Scholarship Applications
  - [Maclaine Heilman](#)
  - [Emma Lubinsky](#)
  - [Ruth Roths](#)
    - Motion made to award all three applicants with the scholarship. Moved by Jenny, seconded by Carolyn, approved.
- Community Foundation Disbursement
  - This is being put towards expenses related to the laptops.
- Donation to Bangor Elementary
  - Bangor Elementary allows us to use their space for free for Clover College. We have traditionally given them a \$500 donation as a thank you.
  - Motion was made to send a \$500 donation again this year. Moved by Jenny, seconded by Jackie, approved.
- Jenny discussed that the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a program that youth involved in the goat, cow, swine, and sheep projects must complete if they wish to sell their animals. The cost is \$12 per participant, which is a financial burden for some families. The class is also online at this time, which is hard for kids to focus on. Emily discussed asking other counties to see if another county's ag agent could come present, or the Cashton FFA coach. There was discussion of adding a line item in the budget to help families pay for the cost of this class.

**Future Agenda items:**

- Approval of Budget

**Adjourned at 8:14pm. Eric motioned, Carolyn seconded, approved.**

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2025**

**\*Attached**