

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

June 12 2025– West Salem County Library (Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: ArtBeat! Presentation: Mariel and Nolan Foley

Attendance: Sue Kramer, Stacey Sheffield, Eric Crammond, Nancy Wakefield, Jackie Thingvold, Pam Hoth, Mya Hoth, Jenny Wright Emily Crook, Lynette Berg,

Call to order: 7:06 pm by Stacey Sheffield

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jackie, seconded by Nancy, approved.

Secretary's Report*: May; Moved by Pam, seconded by Jenny, approved.

Treasurer's Report: May; Moved by Lynette, seconded by Jackie, approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Foods Revue Update: 27 youth are signed up which is huge. With one judge it will take a while, pizza will be ordered.
- Clothing Revue Update: 2 youth, possibly 3. Discussion was had on the difficulty of getting instructors to provide sewing education, the space and time limitations as well. Lynette was going to check with the Barre Patch on some ideas.
- Summer Camp Update: confirmed 28 participants (20 youth, 3 counselors, 5 adults).
- Trip Updates:
 - Summer Academy – 2 youth
 - National Congress – 1 youth
 - Ignite/CWF: National 4-H is moving the Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) trip, which happens in July annually, under the Ignite! event (it will be a track youth can choose), which happens in March. The state office is still working on the logistics of this transition.
- Achievement Celebration: Emily shared who the 3 Key award recipients are, as well as the Servais and I Dare You award recipients. Discussion was had regarding food stand coupons and how to ensure all who attend are served, and should there be a limit to when they can use them? It was decided to make an announcement at the event to see someone to get their ticket. They also can use it anytime during the fair that year. We still aren't spending as much as we did in years prior.
- Expressive Arts: Fine Arts Recital Hall quote came it at around \$730, which is too pricey. Emily will look at other venues: Muse, Hollywood, Logan Middle, Holmen High School Arts Center.
- Re-Enrollment Deadline: WI 4-H is instituting a re-enrollment deadline of November 1 for all re-enrolling volunteers this coming Fall. This does not affect new volunteers. The re-enrollment process needs to start by Nov 1 and finish by Dec. 31. This is to pull us more in-line with the liability UW-Madison holds us accountable to. All clubs should NOT be meeting until they have a volunteer approved by their first meeting in October. (They can meet in September still, and re-enrollment abilities start Sept 1) – Emily was asking what sort of incentive would work (instead of punitive measures). Discussion settled on an ice cream party for clubs who re-enroll 75% of members AND leadership by Nov 1 – as that benefits all involved.
- Hamilton Town Hall: We will meet there in August with a deposit of \$50 and now monthly charge. Once the agreement is signed Sue will run a check over.
- A \$250 donation was given to La Crosse County 4-H in memorial of Sandra Holthaus. Lynette states they are a dairy family but there was no stipulation for where the money should go.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: We need to move the float for the fair, Pam will work this out but it may take two weeks as graduation season has started. Carolyn was at the AG Society meeting, Nancy spoke on her behalf.

4-H Ambassador Report: Ambassadors are done meeting for the summer, they are helping the dairy breakfast event, and painting rocks for the activity at dairy breakfast.

Committee Reports:

- Food Stand Update
 - Sue stated that she is waiting for 2 more bids, then will be able to set prices for the menu.
 - Emily updated everyone that the form is working okay with a few minor tweaks here and there. Garden cart is purchased.
 - Reminder that food stand clean-up days start June 21 and June 28 if needed.
- SMART TV purchase – Eric provided the details for 2 smart TVs to be housed in the new youth building during fair. The total of the TVs and all the required tech for mounting, etc., came to \$559.49. The board made a motion to approve up to \$600 for this project, and adding the \$250 donation to this cause, with the addition of an etched bar to attribute this in memorial for the Holthaus family. Moved by Lynette, seconded by Jackie, approved.
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Unfinished Business

- Leaders Board T-Shirts: Emily notified everyone that the top choice was A. We will make the shirts in our office and will have them ready before fair. If she needs your size, she will reach out to you. Charcoal gray with green lettering was decided on. \$200 was the limit decided to reimburse the county, moved by Pam, seconded by Jenny, approved.

New Business:

- [2025-2026 Budget Proposal](#)*
 - The Board approved the proposal with the removal of the Summer Academy Chaperone expense (\$500) which brings the new Leader Support Total to \$4,750 and the overall Budget to \$66,700. Moved by Lynette, seconded by Nancy, approved.
- Sue wasn't sure if the board needed to approve changes to the payment voucher system. She requested some changes for the office to make. No approval necessary.
- Additional item – the Code of Conduct posters – the office will print around 20 posters, Lynette will hang them in the food stand and others may hang wherever they feel they can, keeping the fair's decision in mind and following their protocol.

Future Agenda items:

Adjourned at 8:38pm. Sue motioned, Lynette seconded, approved.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2025

***Attached**