

La Crosse County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association Board
November 13, 2025– Hamilton Town Hall (N5281 State Rd 108, W Salem)
(Open Forum 6:45, Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Open Forum: (at 7:15pm) Kaarina & Juliana Dunn - American Spirit

- Presented on where they went on the trip and what they learned, including leadership skills and about historical events.

Attendance: Sue Kramer, Stacey Sheffield, Eric Crammond, Emily Crook, Ruth Roths, Jackie Thingvold, Erin Gellings, Pam Hoth, Nancy Wakefield, Jenny Wright, Carolyn Christopherson, Lynette Berg, Dave Kuecker

Call to order: 7:02pm by Stacey Sheffield

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Eric, seconded by Carolyn, approved.

Secretary's Report*: October; Approved with addendum that minutes need to read "October" instead of "September". Moved by Jackie, seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: October; Moved by Pam, seconded by Carolyn, approved.

Extension Office update and report:

- Record Book Report
 - We had 7 youth submit record books.
- Craft Fair Report
 - There were 9 participants this year, and everything went well!
- Membership Report
 - We have 234 youth total, 60 are cloverbuds and 54 are adult volunteers. We are just slightly below the numbers we had last year.
- State News: Liability Insurance Update
 - La Crosse county has 2 companies they get insurance from, Emily has looked into both, and neither are currently options. Emily has found one company with a special risk division which may be an option, but she is waiting to hear back.
- Rotary Lights
 - Lucky Lakers is taking care of the tree, and Emily has been working on decorations/ props for the float. Our volunteer job this year is to line up and judge the floats. Ruth Roths volunteered to assist.

Agricultural Society Rep. Report: Carolyn discussed that the annual meeting will be November 20th at the American Legion Hall. No reports from LYL at this time. Carolyn reached out for updates and has not heard about future meetings. Rope tests for pigs will be continuing to happen. There has not been any significant changes to board leadership.

4-H Ambassador Report:

- October & November Meeting Report

- Ambassadors are discussing different recruitment ideas. There are currently only 5-6 active members. Meetings are typically the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm. Brainstormed possible fun events and how to spread the word about events.

Committee Reports:

- Volunteer Holiday Party Update
 - Will happen December 11th, with dinner at 6pm and the ceremony at 7pm. Discussion of the party menu, Carolyn will coordinate with the hall. Carolyn plans to add extra numbers to those who RSVP. Folks who come can bring a nice gift to exchange.
- Expressive Arts/Talent Show Update
 - Emily reached out to Olivet church on French Island and is working to finalize if we can use the space for free. This year it will be more of a talent show. The tentative date is April 24th.
- Clover College Recruitment
 - Recruitment is ongoing.

Unfinished Business

- Tax Filing
 - Emily, Eric, and Sue have been working on this and the plan is to have the 990-EZ completed by Monday, November 17th.

New Business:

- Elections
 - All new officers and representatives were elected as moved by Eric and seconded by Pam.
 - Vice President (3 yr term) : Jackie Thingvold
 - Treasurer (2 yr term) : Sue Kramor
 - Bangor Rep (1yr term)
 - Holmen-Mindoro Rep (2 yr term) : Dave Kuecker
 - West Salem Rep (2 yr term)
 - At Large Rep (2 yr term): Ruth Roths
 - At Large Rep (1 yr term)
- Team-Builder Activity

Future Agenda items:

- By-Laws Revision

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm. Moved by Pam seconded by Eric.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2025

***Attached**