

4H Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023

Attendance – Becky Pfile; Marianne McMillan; Jill Jones; Jen Martens; Stacci Blau; June Wittun; Chris Breneman; Jaclyn Stauffacher; Denice Mender; Pam Weisensel; Sheena Ringelstetter; Jenny Sweatt; Jennifer Tomlinson; Janel Savich; and Kevin Blau

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Dr. Kevin Blau appeared at the meeting to request the use of the 4H Eat Stand during the Touched Twice event which will be held on August 12, 2023. He has already reached out to the city of Portage and obtained approval. Jaclyn Stauffacher motioned to approve the use of the 4H Eat Stand and Stacci Blau provided a second to the motion. Motion passes.

Minutes from last meeting: Jill Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Sheena Ringelstetter provided a second to that motion. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report (See attached): Jenny Sweatt motioned to approve the report and Jaclyn Stauffacher provided a second to the motion. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the 30-second dance party. Jenny Sweatt motioned to have a copy of 30-second dance party available in the 4H office and Pam Weisensel made a second. Motion passes.

Correspondence:

1) Summer Academy (Fall Forum, formerly called Youth Conference)...requesting sponsorship from 4H Clubs starting at \$150.00. Motion to donate \$150.00 made by Denice Mender and a second made by Chris Breneman. Motion passes.

2) Letter was from UW 4-H Foundation requesting a donation approximating at \$399.00 —which is already in our budget and needs no vote as provided by Denice Mender.

Club Sharing: Jen Martens: They organized a Lasagna Love activity where the club makes lasagna(s) and they delivered the lasagna meals to homes.

Jenny Sweatt paired up with their Piggly Wiggly in Lodi and obtained a list of needs from the community. They collected cash donations totaling \$400.00 for items on the list.

Pam Weisensel—North Scott: Roller Skating and prior to that....demonstrations

Chris Breneman: Record Book Discussions, Adopt a Highway, and bowling in the near future.

Sheena Ringelstetter: Adopt a Highway in their plan for near future; clover bud activities

Janel Savich: Picked up trash and ended up donating boiled eggs to the Outreach Lodi with dye kits (the weather crimped their original plan with the eggs)

Jennifer Tomlinson: Very new club; ice skating in March and they are planning a hike, presentations planned for the future

Jill Jones: The club sent out a sponsor letter to businesses requesting donations to their club and they put those business names on the t-shirts. They also went to Sassy Cow for a tour and lunch.

Committee Reports:

CC Fair Board Report (Marianne McMillan): Fair books provided tonight. Junior Books are blue and the Orange Books are for open class (100 copies total)

They have permission from the city to do some painting of buildings and different landscaping on the fairgrounds.

She reminds us to see the fair's website for more information as to the fair (columbiacountyfairwi.org). The website should be live by May 1st.

4H Ambassadors: No report

Horse: No report

Dog: Meeting held in Lodi but the leadership role is pending. They do not plan on having a charter for next year.

Livestock: Marianne provided that they went through scholarships from this committee. They addressed the Sale of Champions and Baskets

Cloverbuds: No official leader at this time. August Cloverbud Daycamp to be held at the Mackenzie Center—possibly August 3rd or 4th.

Upcoming Events:

Summer Camp Update: Counselor training held and went very well. If there are any kids that would still like to be counselors, please reach out to Becky. (June 14-17 is the date)

International Foods Review-May 20th in the AM

Comm Arts Fest on May 20th in the PM

Clothing Review: will be held during the fair

New Business:

Fair Cleanup to be held on July 22nd starting in the morning

Eat Stand: Cathy Wendt is no longer coordinator for this position. Details are provided already in the minutes from June 11th meeting.

4-H Table at the Fair: Becky wanted to know more about this....there is not usually one standard 4H Table. However, we could have one table in one of the buildings that would have info from all of the 4H clubs in the county.

Americorps Volunteer Scholarship: Wisconsin 4H wrote a grant to obtain a certain number of volunteers for 4H offices around the state of Wisconsin. Becky entered a grant request for our office and we were chosen to receive one person. This position becomes effective January 1, 2024 through and continues through of September of 2024. This position is automatically renewable for 3 years.

She wants to partner with the Boys and Girls Club with this person, in addition to reaching out to the public libraries and school to promote 4H, hoping to improve 4H presence in Social Media. We now have approval for a FB page, radio announcements. This is all imperative to sustain 4H. The person will receive a \$5,000 educational stipend + monthly stipend. Leaders's association has been requested to contribute \$2500.00. The payment could come out of our budget this year or next year.

Jennifer Tomlinson made a motion to approve the \$2,500 stipend for the volunteer in next year's budget including payment for cell phone and incidental fees (such as mileage). Becky will determine the approximate cell phone and incidental fees to assist with budget prep. Janel Savich provided a second to the motion. Motion passes.

4H Scholarship Disbursement at area high schools in May.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jaclyn Stauffacher and Jill Jones made a second to the motion. Motion passes.

Next meeting: June 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm in conference rooms at HHS Building in Portage (1st floor).