

4-H Leaders' Association Meeting

Minutes – Sunday, February 18, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Multipurpose Building

- 1. Call to order** – Meeting called to order by President Michelle Daly at 6:02 PM. The following leaders were present: Jolene Martin, Melissa Zasada, Michael Kendall, Jessica Elzen-Willow Springs, Jody Ruf – Fayette Go-Getters 4-H, Tanya Bonin -Mound View, Tammy Woodworth, Kristina Kieffer -Dunbarton; Michelle Daly, Tom Daly, -Wiota Happy Hour; Tim Richardson- Pleasant View; Katrina Gleason- Horse Project Leader & Cuba City Merry Mixers
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge**
- 3. Secretary's Report** – Moved by Tammy Woodworth and seconded by Jessica Elzen to approve the minutes from December 10, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
- 4. Treasurer's Report** – Tom Daly reported. Motion by Missy Zasada and Michael Kendall to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- 5. Correspondence** –None
- 6. 4-H Educator Report** - None
- 7. Old Business**
 - a. Leaders' Association Stipend** – \$50.00 per enrolled 4-H youth based on February 2, 2024 enrollment records-to be used as club determines. Checks will be sent to club leaders.
 - b. YQCA**–A class was held in December in Lafayette County. Approximately 60 youth attended. Another class is scheduled in Monroe on Saturday March 2 starting at 9:45 a.m. There may be another one held. Be sure to take the pre-test first.
 - c. Scholarships**-4-H Leaders' paid \$1,900 in 2023, Don Booth \$500. Scholarship committee will consist of Jolene Martin, Tammy Woodworth and Jessica Elzen this year.
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Project Updates**
 - i. Horse Project** – Katrina stated that there were 5 new members at the last meeting. There are more, but have not attended yet. Katrina will be the Horse Project leader. Leigh Lierman will be the superintendent.
 - ii. Dog Project** - There is nothing to report as the former leader has moved away. Discussion of ideas was as follows: Could we combine with other counties –Grant, Iowa, or Green? Bones and Bellies??
 - iii. Shooting Sports Project** –There are upcoming trainings for Leader Certification: 4/6 New Franken, 5/4 Eau Claire, 9/14 Marshfield. More information can be obtained at the State Website. The Leaders' Association does pay for registration.
 - 1. Air Pistol**- Jess Akins and Hailee are leading.

- 2. **Shotgun/Trap-** Nothing planned as of now.
- 3. **Archery** – Dates are as follows at Belmont Schools: 3/10, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5; 1-4 p.m. 40 members are signed up and 16-20 attend practice. Tim Richardson will coach Nationals.
- iv. **Fill the Floral Hall** – Mesh wreaths is Saturday, February 24 @ 10 A.M. Sign up is still open. Paint Pouring will be Saturday, March 16 @ 10 A.M. Be sure to check Facebook for links. The leathercraft class had 15 participants.
- b. **Leadership Training w/Grant County** – The training for December 16 was cancelled. The reschedule date is to be determined.
- c. **Grant & Lafayette County 4-H Camp** - June 18-21, 2024 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. It is open to youth Grades 3rd -7th. Registration will open March 1 in 4-H Online. Camp Counselors (Youth 9th -13th Grade, at least 16 years old) Contact Hailee if interested. They are still looking for counselors and adult volunteers.
- d. **Lafayette County Fair 4-H Food Stand Coordinator/s** The Fair Board would like a decision ASAP. Discussion followed on possible people to run it that held a Food Service certification, equipment information, menu ideas, how to advertise, etc.
- e. **Lafayette County 4-H Game Night/Bingo, or Bowling Activity, other ideas-** Discussion of Board Games, Dance, Bingo, Rural Olympics, any other ideas. Please bring to the next meeting.
- f. **Day in the Arts** - It will be held on March 9 at 1 P.M. at the Belmont High School. Registration is due March 1 through 4-H online.
- g. **Summer 4-H Intern** –The position is posted. This will be shared with Iowa County. Interns are paid per hour as well as mileage. They will be required to help with camps and Fair.
- h. **Lafayette County Fair July 10-14** –Motion by Tammy Woodworth, second by Missy Zasada. The Leaders Association will pay all 4-H youth normal entry fee at the fair. They will NOT pay the late fee. Motion carried. Be sure to watch for changes to show dates and times as there will be changes.
- i. **Leaders' Association Service Project-** Discussion of Easter or May Day Baskets or Fairgrounds. Individual Clubs will come up with their own ideas for services projects.
- j. **4-H Opportunities-** State and National Trip Registrations are opening each month with updates in the Lafayette Marquee, Lafayette County Extension Facebook page and <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/> Marquee was to be out on February 14.
- k. **State and National 4-H Experiences (Trips) & Awards Process-** There was a suggestion to have 2 leaders, 2 community members, and the Extension Agent on the Interview Committee. Updates were made to the applications. Motion carried. Missy Zasada and Jody Ruf will be on the committee. There are 2 Space Camp

applicants and 1 American Spirit Applicant. The application process should happen once in the Fall and once in the spring.

- l. 2024 4-H High School Scholarships** –Leaders’ Association approved to donate up to \$2000 in scholarships: \$300/\$200/\$100. This is the last year for 2-\$250 Don Booth Scholarships. Application is on the Extension website, broadcast email to graduations seniors and Facebook posting.
- m. Budget Review & Approval – July 1, 2023 –June 30, 2024** Committee will consist of Tammy Woodworth and Jolene Martin.
- n. Other New Business** – It was brought to the meeting that 4-H members were getting termination letters if they did not pay their dues of \$15.00 by March 1. Discussion was held and the following suggestions were given:
 - 1. A formal letter be sent before enrollment that contains ALL pertinent information.**
 - 2. Information be posted on the Website.**
 - 3. Formal Letter sent from Hailee, not Brandy.**
 - 4. Due Date be clearly stated before letters are sent.**
 - 5. Leaders be given a list and/or a number of those with financial hardships.**
 - 6. Financial Hardship be listed on the application when re-enrolling in 4-H.**
- 9. Next Meeting Dates** – April 21, 2024; June 16, 2024; August 18, 2024; September 22, 2024 at 6 p.m., Multipurpose Building.
- 10. Announcements - None**
- 11. Adjournment – 7:35 p.m.** Motion by Tanya Bonin and Second by Missy Zasada to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Jody M. Ruf

4-H Leaders' Association Executive Board Meeting

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Present – Michelle Daly, Tom Daly, Jolene Martin, Michael Kendall, Tammy Woodworth, Jody Ruf

- a. Budget** – There is a clarification. The budget runs from July 1 – June 30. The budget will be done by the Executive Board and Leaders at large.
- b. Trip/Awards** – This is usually done in the Fall. Applications were reviewed. It was suggested to take out the Financial Assistance from the application. Members can ask for financial assistance at any time, not just during the application process. It was also suggested to have the Interview Committee consist of: 2 Leaders; 2 Community Members, 1 Extension Agent.
- c. Dues** – Discussion was held due to 4-H members receiving letters that if they did not pay their dues by March 1, they would become inactive. Suggestions were made to bring to the Leaders Association Meeting as follows:
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Adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

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