

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2018

Name	Club
Valerie Peterson	Glen Hills Climbers (on phone)
Emma Loberg	Wildwood
Brenda Franklin	Bellringers
Carole Schurtz	Rustic Renegades/Ambassadors
Debbie Stevens	Sunnyside Shamrocks (on phone)
Cindy VanDyk	Fair Entry
Amanda Hanson	Double Good
Lori DeBoer	Forest Timberwolves
Heather Vierling	4-H Agent
Lauren Thompson	Lone Pine
Mary Luckwaldt	Lone Pine
Janet Feyereisen	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Beth Sippl	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tyler Sippl	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tammy Frank	Riverside

Meeting was called to order by President Carole Schurtz at 7:07 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from November 21, 2017 meeting approved by motion from Brenda Franklin and seconded by Janet Feyereisen. Passed by assembly.

**Treasurer's Report:** Handouts. Treasurer's report was approved by motion from Lori DeBoer and seconded by Brenda Franklin. Passed by assembly.

**Guests:** Cindy VanDyk, fair entry coordinator, attended the meeting with a fair entry update. She indicated that she needs judges for project areas. Blue Ribbon Entry will be available online beginning April 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. There will be NO fair entry changes after May 31, 2018. Project area changes may be made until March 1, 2018.

Cindy also indicated that departments should keep track of any changes needing to be made to the premium books for their respective projects areas throughout the fair. Changes should be submitted to the fair office after the 2018 fair. Cindy VanDyk and Carole Schurtz will then be able to create and publish the 2019-2020 premium books at the end of the 2018 calendar year.

**Discussion Corner:** *Leader/Parent Involvement in 4-H Clubs* – Heather Vierling asked for feedback from 4-H Leader's Council regarding leader/parent involvement in today's 4-H Clubs. She had dialogue with 4-H parents who were in 4-H as a youth and are now enrolling their young children in 4-H. This group of parents noticed many differences in today's 4-H vs the 4-H of their youth. One major difference was that parents seem more removed from 4-H today. Heather's question was how are parents and leaders involved in our clubs today? Thoughts from Leader's Council were:

- Sometimes 4-H Leaders have to directly ask parents for help
- Not too many project leaders
- Maybe you have a "super project leader" in your club and others are intimidated by that

- 4-H is often used as a “babysitter”
- Perhaps general leaders could meet with project leaders to see what they need
- Perhaps more information could come from the county
- Many current 4-H members did not have parents who were 4-H members as youth
- General leaders should not make assumptions about the knowledge that project leaders have
- There is a “fear” or intimidation factor that in our technological age the youth know more than the leader

Heather also indicated that St. Croix County 4-H has 135 Cloverbuds this year which comprises 20% of our membership. 50% of Cloverbuds are new members. There are 139 new children in St. Croix County 4-H this year which is 20% of membership and we have a total of 681 members.

60 volunteers are still waiting for their background checks to be completed.

### **Committee (Liaison ) Reports: Chartered and Non-chartered:**

**4-H Foods Expo** – Beth Sippl indicated that 27 students attended this event at UW-River Falls on January 27, 2018.

**MTE** – Beth Sippl indicated that Mini Talent Explosion date has been changed to April 14 due to a Solo and Ensemble conflict. The location may be in Hudson.

**STEM Club** – Beth Sippl indicated that STEM Club met on Saturday, January 13, 2018 and played with 3-D printers. There were two children that attended the Saturday Robotics group.

**WI Tour Committee** – Heather Vierling indicated that this group will meet on Thursday January 18, 2018 to plan this year’s WI tour. The group is looking at touring the Iron Range.

**Livestock Committee** - Lori DeBoer indicated that there is a Rules Meeting on Saturday January 13, 2018. The Livestock committee participated in the Hot Air Affair. This group as well as their counterparts in Pierce and Polk Counties purchased huge livestock banners together to be used for promotional purposes at various events. There are also 4-H tablecloths and metal table tents available through Extension to promote 4-H.

**Ambassadors** - Carole Schurtz indicated that the Ambassadors group met on January 14, 2018 for a Christmas party. They chose the parades they would participate in this year. Ambassadors worked at the Hot Air Affair 4-H Event at Family Fresh in Hudson. They will participate in the Spring Showcase at the Hudson Hockey Rink. All 4-H clubs are able to request an Ambassador for their meeting by filling out the Ambassador Request form.

### **Old Business:**

**Plat Books** - Brenda Franklin sold only two additional ads for the plat books. Carole Schurtz sold a full page ad to the Glen Haven Nursing Home in Glenwood City. Carole has e-mailed businesses regarding changes to their ads. The St. Croix County Fair and the Rodeo each received a ½ page ad in the plat book. Any remaining space will be filled with 4-H pictures if needed. \$19, 742.00 in ads have been sold so far. The goal is to have the plat books ready to sell for the Spring Turkey Hunt.

**Club & Committee Audit** – This will begin in February and Heather will e-mail committee members.

**Any other Old Business** – Correspondence was reviewed.

**New Business:**

**Grants** – None

**4-H Sound System for Fair Use** – The Fair Board has asked Leader’s Council for permission to use the sound system from the Velocity Show Choir until such time as there is another show choir in St. Croix County. After discussion, Leader’s Council granted the request by motion from Lori DeBoer and seconded by Tammy Frank with the following stipulations: The Fair Board must have one qualified person responsible for operating the equipment and the Fair Board is responsible for any damage to the equipment. Motion passed by assembly. The equipment will continue to be stored at the Extension Office.

**Scholarship Applications** – The Scholarship Application handout was approved by motion from Janet Feyereisen with a second by Lori DeBoer. An amendment was passed by motion from Beth Sippl with a second by Brenda Franklin to change the St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship to an amount of \$600.00 with a quota of 4 and not \$400.00 with a quota of 6. Motion passed by assembly. This now aligns with state applications. Heather Vierling will speak with the Horse Committee to see if they will use our format or their own. Also, we need to know how much money is to be set aside for the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan.

**Youth Conference & Chaperones** – Question was raised if we should publish the Youth Conference information two times per year in the Fall and Spring. Leader’s Council decided this will be the last Spring for publication and all information will be dispersed in the Fall. Motion by Brenda Franklin and seconded by Lori DeBoer. Passed by assembly. February 1, 2018 is the deadline for chaperone applications for State and National 4-H Events on the 4-H website.

**Foods Expo** – Discussed during Committee Reports.

**Clover College** – 40 children have signed up as of this meeting. An e-mail will be sent out by Heather Vierling/Extension to remind families to send a bagged lunch with their child.

**Any other New Business** – Wildwood 4-H will be snow tubing at Badlands Park on February 8, 2018 at 3:45 pm. All St. Croix County 4-H Clubs are invited to join them.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by motion from Lori DeBoer and seconded by Brenda Franklin. Passed by assembly. The next 4-H Leader’s Council meeting will be held on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office.