

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2019

Name	Club
Brenda Franklin-President	Bellringer's
Heidi Wagner	Bellringer's
Amanda Hanson-Secretary	Double Good
Lori DeBoer-Rep. to Fair Board	Forest Timberwolves, Fair Board
Trista Brandt (by phone)	Harmony Hill
Lauren Thompson-Youth Representative	Lone Pine
Mary Luckwaldt-President Elect	Lone Pine
Eileen VanDyk-St. Croix County UW-Extension	North Country & 4-H Coordinator
Tammy Frank	Riverside
Beth Sippl-Treasurer	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Janet Feyereisen	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tyler Sippl-Youth Representative	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Tara Brown	Rolling Hills
Carole Schurtz-Past President, Rep to Fair Board	Rustic Renegades, Ambassadors
Jackie Kumm	Springbrook
Debbie Stevens	Sunny side
Emma ?	Trailblazers
Emma Loberg	Wildwood
Molly Stehr	Wildwood
Wyatt Stehr	Wildwood

Call to Order: President Brenda Franklin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm., January 15, 2019.

Pledges: Pledges were led by Carole Schurtz.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 20, 2018 were amended with minor grammatical errors to names of leaders in Documents. Motion made by Carole Schurtz, second by Tara Brown to approve amended minutes. **Motion passed.** Correspondence received includes: Thank You from Thomas Iverson for funding part of his 4-H Space Camp trip, thank you from RJ Feyereisen for a scholarship, thank you from Roberts Ribbon Reapers for paying for membership dues, thank you from Riley Hammer for a scholarship awarded in 2018, thank you from Catherine Schurtz for the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan and St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship, and a donation of \$463 money order and letter from Westconsin Credit Union from chocolate bar fundraiser campaign October –December of 2018.

Guests & Committee Report: Dairy Committee: The Dairy Committee was represented by Haley Bueukema (Lone Pine) and Rachel Skinner (Riverside). They described and discussed dairy judging, reasons, competition, public speaking, state fair, showmanship at the state fair, Farm City Days and the Heritage Calf Project. There are both junior and senior teams, and at least 1 or both teams has participated at the state level each year in the last 5 years. They thanked the Leaders Association for their support.

Treasurer's Report: By Beth Sippl-Handouts. There is \$96,000 in checking account. Scholarship to Katherine has bent sent out. Cultural Arts & Sewing grants are still out and in progress. Poultry Grant;

according to present leaders the projects are done. Beth had not received receipts after multiple attempts to ask for them. Since it has been over a year, the grant has been deleted from financials. If receipts are received in the future for this poultry project grant, it will be dealt with at that time. This year clubs do not pay the Leaders Association for extra disks. This year the Leaders Association will play club dues to the state. Clubs can choose to collect dues and retain them for their own use, or choose not to collect dues. Westconsin Credit Union donated \$463 from candy sales. Lori DeBoer will contact WCU and ask for clarification on the designation of the donation and will contact Beth Sippl with new information; some Leaders thought that the money was specified to donate towards the livestock barn yet to be built at the fairgrounds. Some funds have been received for registrations for upcoming events. Motion made by Lori DeBoer, Second by Jackie Kumm to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion passed.**

Discussion Corner: Low attendance at Leaders Council meetings: Eileen VanDyk spoken with some adult leaders about this. Comments received included: not attending because I am too busy, it is difficult to attend each month, the meeting is too long, didn't feel welcome, don't know everyone, etc. Eileen reached out to Leaders Associations at both Pierce and Polk Counties to learn about their meetings. Pierce County 4-H: Meets quarterly with an extra fall meeting (5 times per year). Every committee must submit & follow a budget with approval by the UW-Extension office and Leaders Council. The form is completed in the fall. Committees (other than Leaders) meet on their own time & use email. Polk County 4-H Leaders Association: Meets bi-monthly. Committees are required to meet in September & October. Lengthy 2-3 page document to complete. Polk seems to be more flexible with funding committees than St. Croix, and Pierce tends to be more restrictive with funding than St. Croix. The discussion continued regarding how the St. Croix County Leaders Association fund budgets (grants, etc.) to committees (listed in bylaws, and grants, banquet, camps, etc.). Would committees want to meet on a digital format (not in person face to face)? Issues with internet connections for some. Fewer meetings sound desirable. If something urgent arose, could a grant committee make decisions instead of leaders' council? Eileen asked since there is 20-21 clubs in the County, could each club get a minimum of 1 person from each club to be on a committee (any select committee except for leaders) to meet 2 to 3 times per year? Concerns expressed off too much time spent at meetings for volunteer leaders. Some prefer to call in to the Leaders Meeting if they cannot attend. Is the agenda too long? Is the meeting too long? Usually a meeting is about 1 to 1 ½ hours in length. Carole Schurtz reviewed results from the past Survey sent out by Heather Vierling a few months ago. No changes will occur in St. Croix County until bylaws are amended and approved. This was just discussion only led by Eileen VanDyk. There may be a few questions later on for Heather Vierling on how this would work out.

Committee Reports

Food Expo – Beth Sippl-There are 25 registrations so far. Location change: it will be held at Hammond at St. Croix Central Middle School (NOT the High School as previously advertised).

Ambassadors-Carole Schurtz-They will be at River Falls this Saturday to assist with the Cultural Arts Day, upcoming Hot Air Affair in Hudson. They held a recent meeting, and another meeting on the NW Golf

Classic. Fill out a form to request the Ambassadors presence and help at your club or committee meetings and events, if you are interested.

Cultural Arts Day –Upcoming on Saturday. There are about 30 registrations so far.

MTE is on April 6th at the Baldwin-Woodville High School in Baldwin. It includes the Mini Talent competition including a new addition of classes to learn about drama, speaking, and more.

Old Business

Endowment Fund Purpose: Lori DeBoer shared that there was a \$2500 balance in 2002. The Endowment fund was created with guidelines in April of 2001, and in April of 2006 those guidelines (from 2001) were reviewed and approved as prior written. Lori DeBoer will contact Connie and also Karen Esanbach. Emma Loberg provided contact information for Karen to Lori. The balance of the fund was \$2500, but it was known by many leaders that other donations were received (memorials and such, names can be found on plaque in hall at the Ag Ed Canter). Due to past consolidation, there are no records of how many donations were received, or what dollar amounts were received, prior to Beth Sippl becoming Treasurer (when computer program was implemented for accounting purposes) of the Leaders Association. Carole Schurtz reviewed flyer from Hallway which states programming (not scholarships) are to be funded from the endowment fund (by interest from the fund). **Next month's agenda will include "Determine amount of endowment fund"**. The amount, once determined, could be put into a new money market account (interest). The Leaders Association could deposit \$25000 for the fund, or another amount (undetermined at this time). Advice from Heather may be needed on how tis possible idea would be affected by the state (Money Market).

Transfer Scholarships to Money Market Account: Good with it. See Endowment fund purpose.

1st Aid/CPR wrap-up: Beth Sippl: Eight people came to the CPR class. Molly Stehr attended and said it was a good day and she learned a lot. This may be offered again. It was provided by the Red Cross.

Cultural Arts Day 1/19/19: Eileen VanDyke-There is 28 signed up. Supplies need to be bought, only ½ of building rental fee is paid, there will be more expenses yet. Beth Sippl-paid ½ cost of the facility.

Clothing Day 3/30/19: No update.

New Business

Grants: No discussion.

Awards Committee: Awards Committee is working on it.

Fair Update: Carole Schurtz- the 1st draft of the fair book 2019-2020 is done. She has not received updates from many committees, including rabbits & poultry. Any updates not received by the end of the week will NOT be included as changes to the fair book. Get any changes to Carole by Thursday for the fair board meeting. Changes are needed from the state and the fair board yet. Reminder that fair entries' are due by May 31, and project changes to 4HOnline are due by March 1st.

4-H Foundation License Plate Campaign: Same as last month.

Northwest Regional Golf Classic, June 10, 2019: Same as last month.

Scholarship Applications: Eileen VanDyke will get them loaded to the website soon.

Tom Dorsey Scholarship: We have money for last year's. Lori DeBoer will contact regarding 2019 funds.

Cedar Crest Flavoring Contest Winner: Wisconsin Smokey Campfire S'more: Jackie Kumm, Tammy Frank & Eileen VanDyke – Out of 200 Entries, Emma Troutmiller a second grade student of Riverside 4H won with Wisconsin Smokey Campfire S'more! There was a photo shoot last Thursday by Vice President of sales whom is also an owner (1 of 3) of the family owned company. Ice cream to be ready in June, possibility to have ice cream at the fair. More information to follow in future.

Hudson Hot Air Affair, January 26, 10:00am to 1pm: January 26 10am-1pm Hudson Fresh Food event, need help with crafts & kids.

Katie's Thesis: Eileen-Katie is doing a Master's Thesis and is asking for people to complete a volunteer survey. The survey was sent to all leaders by email. Contact the office if you didn't receive it. Also Melissa is doing all weekly email blasts now.

Announcements

VIP Training: 1/24/19: Eileen- Overall in very good shape. Only 1-3 leaders need to complete this. Some new volunteers have taken it too. Other counties have their organizational leaders approve members, but St. Croix County is OK as long as leaders read member lists.

New Organizational Leader Training: 1/29/19: Training for New Organizational Leaders-Eileen- It will be held on 4 evenings. New leaders are recommended to attend all 4 nights. Current experienced leaders are recommended to attend nights 2-4 as a refresher course if they wish. Look for information about it in the Communicator newsletter, the first session is on January 29 at 6:30pm.

Clover College 2/23/19: Eileen VanDyke-Beth Sippl-Extensive list of 20-21 sessions, some registrations have been received. A new addition is that the Glenwood City Horticulture class will teach a new class. There is a good variety of classes. Deadline to register is February 8th.

Foods Expo 1/26/19: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

AASD June 18: The Area Animal Science Day will be held at 3 different locations at 3 different dates & times. The closest one to St. Croix is on June 18th @St. Croix Falls by Polk County.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2019

Motion made by Beth Sippl and second by Janet F to adjourn. **Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.**

Minutes submitted by Amanda Hanson.