

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2019

Name	Club
Heidi Wagner	Bellringers
Janet Feyereisen	Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Brenda Franklin	Bellringers
Lauren Thompson	Lone Pine
Mary Luckwaldt	Lone Pine and Dairy Committee
Jackie Henderson Kumm	Springbrook
Molly Stehr	Wildwood
Wyatt Stehr	Wildwood
Lori DeBoer	Forest Timberwolves
Bridget Lentz	Horse
DeAnn Hammer	Rolling Hills/Cultural Arts
Tara Brown	Rolling Hills
Eileen VanDyk	4-H Educator
Emma Loberg (on phone)	Wildwood
Val Peterson (on phone)	Trailblazers
Tammy Frank	Riverside

President Brenda Franklin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 20, 2018 were re-approved with requested changes as well as minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting were approved by motion from Janet Feyereisen and seconded by Lori DeBoer. Passed by assembly.

Treasurer's Report: Handouts. The commitment for Advanced Space Camp was paid out. The treasurer's handouts provided at the meeting were approved by motion from Janet Feyereisen with a second from Lori DeBoer. Passed by assembly. Receipts from Cultural Arts were presented by DeAnn Hammer and will be paid at a later date.

Guests: There were no guests at this meeting.

Discussion Corner: Brenda Franklin facilitated a Tibetan Personality Test as our discussion corner at this meeting. It was a fun activity which didn't take up too much time.

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

Cultural Arts Day Wrap-Up – DeAnn Hammer provided an excellent summary of Cultural Arts Day with a handout including pictures and survey results of the day. She also presented Leader's Council with a thank-you card signed by the participants.

Horse Committee: Bridget Lentz discussed the mandatory Horse kick-off meetings coming up.

Livestock Committee: Lori DeBoer indicated that there are three upcoming fundraisers for the livestock barns at the fair – March 5th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Wild Badger in New Richmond; April 1st at the Culver's in New Richmond from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and April 22nd at the Baldwin Culver's from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm as well.

Ambassadors: Handout provided. The Ambassadors assisted with the Cultural Arts Day in January and attended the Hot Air Affair in Hudson in February. They promoted 4-H during the parade as well as during their time spent at the Hot Air Affair Food Booth. Proceeds from the Food Booth supported HALOS of the St. Croix Valley, an excellent community service project. The Ambassadors will be assisting with Clover College, Spring Showcase and May Fair in the upcoming months. Leaders were reminded to fill out an Ambassador request form for any help from the Ambassadors at 4-H meetings or club events.

Old Business:

Cultural Arts Day Wrap-Up: See Committee Reports.

Foods Expo Wrap-Up: Janet Feyereisen indicated that the Foods Expo was held on January 26, 2019 at the St. Croix Central Middle School. This was a good location for the event. 50 members signed up and 43 actually attended this event. Participants made marinara sauce, competed in a smoothie challenge, learned about menu planning and movement in food.

Hudson Hot Air Affair Wrap-up: Jackie Kumm indicated that the Hot Air Affair was a positive event for St. Croix County 4-H. There was a lesson on “feeding your cow” as well as a bead project. The Ambassadors were very busy serving food at the food booth and passing out “Save the Date” cards for the 2019 St. Croix County Fair.

New Richmond Assets Carnival Wrap-Up: Lori DeBoer indicated that this event took place on January 26, 2019 and the Forest Timberwolves helped with the corn hole game and had some make and takes available.

YQCA – update; 12, 15 & 19-year olds can test out: Eileen VanDyk indicated that Bonnie Walters is teaching these classes while Heather Vierling is out on maternity leave. Some classes had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Members affected by these cancellations should contact the Extension Office directly to reschedule.

Clover College: Clover College is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019. 78 members are signed up. T-shirts were accidentally not ordered for this event. However, Jackie Kumm and Lori DeBoer will create simple T-shirts and use a supplier they have ordered from in the past that will be able to give them a quick turnaround.

Clothing Day: DeAnn Hammer indicated that this event will take place on March 30, 2019 and the registration is all ready to go. Anyone who attends this event does NOT have to be in the clothing project because we all wear clothes. There will be a fun modeling show and a Clothing Olympics. Some attendees of this meeting hoped to help DeAnn obtain WITC in New Richmond as the venue for this event as it is less expensive than UWRF. However, DeAnn has tried to contact WITC many times to schedule this event and did not receive any correspondence for her request.

Scholarship Applications: Eileen VanDyk updated the scholarship application information on the 4-H website after the last Leader’s Council meeting.

Any other Old Business: None

New Business:

Transfer of Funds to Endowment Fund: Motion made by Jackie Kumm and seconded by Lori DeBoer to transfer \$25,000 to the Endowment Fund. Passed by assembly. This is a money market account.

Mini Talent Explosion: MTE is scheduled for April 6, 2019 at Baldwin-Woodville High School. Janet Feyereisen and Bridget Lentz indicated that the competition will take place in the morning with workshops commencing at 12:30 pm. Workshops will include: Introduction to Singing with a vocal coach; a drama activity by the GEM Theater of New Richmond; and a talk about public speaking. A junior leader is still needed to run one to two demonstration workshops.

Grants: None

Awards Committee: No one was present who could give an update on this.

Fair Book Updates: Fair books have been sent to be printed at the time of this meeting.

Northwest Regional Golf Classic: This event will take place on June 10, 2019 at Kilkarney Golf Course. Jackie Kumm indicated that two teams need to compete in this event from the County. A silent auction basket also needs to be provided with a value of at least \$50.00. Suggestions may include a gardening package or a new baby basket. Jackie asked the leaders to think outside the box for a unique -themed basket so the auction would have something new and different for attendees to choose from. Badger tickets would be available and there is plenty of maple syrup to go around so that is not needed. Several gas and go cards have already been received. Leaders are asked to assist with this project as this event funds the Ambassador budget.

VIP 3/11/19 (Tentative): Eileen VanDyk and Heather Vierling have March 11, 2019 as a tentative date for the next VIP training. However, they will discuss and finalize this once Heather is back from maternity leave. Tara Brown indicated that there is a Photography Workshop scheduled for April 27th. She asked for feedback about what this workshop should look like. Perhaps this event should include more project areas or be a community education event in the future. Perhaps it could be held at WITC and be something of a Clover College event for older 4-H members.

Any other New Business: None

4-H Educator/Coordinator Updates:

Civil Rights Review: Expansion & Review Committee

Nondiscrimination Letter: Eileen VanDyk indicated that she recently received training on 4-H Fundamentals at a conference in Stevens Point, WI. An expansion and review committee needs to be created to assess how we expand access to 4-H in this county. The committee should be made of 4-H and non-4-H members and would meet two times per year. Also, any club meeting at a church for their regular monthly meetings will need a non-discrimination letter from that church to continue meeting there.

Club Managers 4-H Online Zoom is March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm – Eileen will complete this workshop if there are attendees.

Chaperone Selection for State 4-H & Youth Conference: Eileen alerted the leader's council to the fact that chaperones for State 4-H & Youth Conference must apply through the State 4-H office. Adults should sign up but should not assume that they will automatically be a chaperone. Participants will also be housed by grade level at the conference.

4-H Foundation: Scholarship Applications are due March 15, 2019. The Foundation is also hosting a Fundraiser entitled *An Evening of Art* on October 19, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Madison. 4-H alumni and current members' art will be sold. Last year this event made \$10,000.

Exploring Project: Eileen recently attended a 4-H Fundamental conference in Stevens Point. At this conference she was instructed to add the Exploring back into our County. The Exploring language was taken out of 4-H policy because all counties handle Exploring differently. This was at the State level but it needs to be in our County materials. Research tells us that 3rd graders aren't ready for competition and that should only be offered for 4th graders and up.

Fall Forum: This event is November 1-3, 2019. Classes are needed for the educational sessions on Saturday.

Role Clarification with North Country: Eileen VanDyk, 4-H Educator for Polk and St. Croix Counties, is also the 4-H leader of North Country 4-H in St. Croix County. She assured the Leader's Council that at our meetings she is not voting despite being said 4-H Leader. Hopefully someone else from North Country 4-H will attend the Leader's Council meeting and vote for that club.

Communication Project with Friends of the Fair: A 4-H member is needed to complete a communication project for the Friends of the Fair. The project would involve designing a website and a social media plan. Friends has another fundraising option through United Way and will also be sponsoring a Day of Giving on April 30th.

Comment from Eileen: Something to consider for next year's budget – Leader's Council has supported Clover College as well as Cultural Arts Day in the past. This is great; and therefore, Eileen asked us to perhaps put some money into the budget for other projects such as STEM Day Camps, a bus going to the U of M for extended educational opportunities, bridge construction activities, aviation activities etc. The possibilities are endless. Eileen asked the Leader's Council to consider putting money into the budget next year for such activities.

Meeting was adjourned by motion from Lori DeBoer with a second by DeAnn Hammer. Passed by assembly.