

Kewaunee County 4-H Leaders Association

October 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Renee VanDonsel. Pledges were recited.

Attendance: Nancy LaCrosse, Renee VanDonsel, Mike Nelson, Jeremy Salentine, Debbie Olson, Kathy Daul, Cheryl Eberle, Kayla Bosman, Lynn Dorner, Katie Christoph, April Smith, Aryana Knudson, Kim Jacobs, Dennis LeGrave, and Erin Dahle.

Secretary's minutes from September 16, 2024 were read, with a correction by Mike Nelson to reflect he is not an architect himself, but works closely with one. Motion to approve by Mike, second by Debbie, motion carried. Treasurer's report was given by Lynn. Lynn reported that the Luigi's pizza fundraiser probably will not happen this year as they have a new sales rep, hopefully next year we can continue.

Added Agenda items: Road signs

Agent Report: Erin asked if we have a MOU with the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. Lynn will check with Stuart Arians. Erin reported that as of today there are 350 enrollments....52 volunteers, 240 members, 58 Cloverbuds, 8 incompletes, and 48 volunteers needing training! The deadline to re-enroll is November 1st with February 1st for new enrollments. She also handed out a survey to those in attendance to find out how 4-H is doing, what things work, and what things should/could be changed. Please complete and get them back to Erin shortly. An in-person training will be set up for a future date. Officer training will be with Door County this year, for all youth officers and adult leaders. A date has not been set yet.

Kathy Daul worked for our banquet on Saturday night along with youth from the local area who had no idea what 4-H was. There was much discussion on this situation, Renee challenged our 4-H kids to bring a friend who does not belong to 4-H, to a meeting so they can see what 4-H is all about. Erin has contact with the school superintendents and will get in touch with them to add 4-H information to their open houses next fall.

Teen Report: Wade Christoph told about his experience at the Trees for Tomorrow camp at Eagle River. They did activities in the woods, archery, stream monitoring, water testing, canoeing, tree identification, and learned about bogs. He said making friends with the deer was very easy. Debbie said they had 20 kids go to the Red Barn corn maze on Sunday. There are 7 youth and 3 adults going to Fall Forum on November 2 & 3. They have not elected officers as of yet, hoping to at the next meeting.

Election of Board Officers: Election took place at the board meeting prior to this meeting. President-Renee VanDonsel, Vice-President-Mike Nelson, Secretary-Nancy LaCrosse, and Treasurer-Lynn Dorner.

Dues for 2024-2025: They will now be known as membership fees and will remain at \$5.00 per youth. Erin will send out invoices to the clubs in February.

Bylaws & Policy Review: The bylaws were read and gone over with the following changes: Bylaw 5, section 2 Elections: Remove the nominating committee and add that nominations will be also be taken prior to the meeting. Bylaw 5, section 9 Meetings: Change the number of meetings from 6 to 5 and remove the month of June. Bylaw 6, section 2 Committee Structure: change the deadline from November 15th to November 1st. The Kewaunee County 4-H Leaders Policy Statement was also looked over with the following changes: Audit was changed from President, Treasurer, and outside source to 3 board or association members. Member Dues was changed to membership fees. Scholarships were discussed, to possibly increase the number given or the dollar amount of each. Dennis made a motion to award (2) \$1,000 scholarships, second by Cheryl, motion passed. The budget will need to be amended to reflect the change, Lynn will take care of the budget. The percentage paid to youth requesting aid for the 2024-2025 year will be 75%, for this year only, on a motion made at the last association meeting concerning the excess funds situation. The Special Trip Funding Request form will also be updated to reflect changes made.

Awards Banquet: Erin thanked everyone for the bouquet of flowers given to her at the banquet. There were numerous errors in the program. Names were missing from the program, leader years were incorrect, and the script and the booklet did not match. Recipients had complained that they had received the invitation just a few days before the banquet. It was decided that both e-mail and USPS mail would be used for the invitations for the 2025 banquet. Erin asked if a vegetarian meal choice would be possible, Kathy said all we need to do is ask and they will comply. We need to offer that choice on the reservation for next year.

E-mails: All emails should be sent out blind copy. There is to be no communication directly to any youth. Individual emails should not be shared.

Food Stand: Mike gave a power point presentation on his plans for including youth in the food stand rebuilding process. A meeting on November 18th at 6:30pm before the Adult Leaders Board meeting will give anyone interested all the information. He has meetings set up with presenters for Jan 2025-April 2025 and September 2025-March 2026. Each meeting will have a hands on activity for youth to participate in. He asked for a budget to cover expenses for meeting materials and for possible presenter fees. Motion by Renee, second by Dennis to give Mike \$1500 to cover said expenses, motion passed.

Time & Talent: Renee booked the Expo hall for March 23, 2025. We need a chairperson for this event. Contact Renee if you are interested.

Calendar Dates: Erin would like all club and project dates to her by November 1st as well as any photos for the calendar.

Road Signs: Stuart has signs that should be put up. Mike will find out where existing signs are now located.

Smart Goals for 2024-2025 were set. Goal #1 Retain membership by 100% and increase membership in the group by 50% by 6-1-25 Goal #2 Invite and or inform youth who are underrepresented in our group to join 4-H through community events. Our members will organize-participate in 5 events to increase interest in 4-H and make 4-H known to others within our community. The community events will include: Taste of 4-H, television publicity, school open houses, parades, project day, and trunk or treat by Oct 31, 2025.

Next Association meeting is January 20, at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Mike, second by Lynn at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy LaCrosse