

Kewaunee County 4-H Leaders Association

January 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Renee VanDonsel. Pledges were recited.

Attendance: Nancy LaCrosse, Renee VanDonsel, Ed Patek, Kathy Daul, Kayla Bosman, April Smith, Mike & Judy Malcore and Erin Dahle. Absent from the meeting were Mike Nelson, Rob Funk, Jeremy Salentine, and Lynn Dorner. There was not a quorum of board members.

Secretary's Report : Minutes from October 20, 2025 were read, motion to approve by Kayla, second by Kathy, motion carried. Erin asked if the minutes could be sent to her within a week so they may be shared, Nancy agreed to the request.

Treasurer's report: was given by Renee.

Added Agenda items: None

Educator Report: Erin reported that there are currently 550 approved 4-H Cloverbuds, members and leaders. There are several leaders who still need to complete their training and also several who have been notified that they must start the enrollment process over. These numbers are an increase from last year. Foods and Nutrition is meeting on January 24th to make pizzas. Cloverbuds visited the VanderKinter farm to learn about pigs and piglets, they will be making Valentines, and on March 7 they will be having a day camp at the fairgrounds. Clover Con has been canceled due to lack of participation. Erin will be out of the office from February 10-12 and 16-20th. Art Beat will be held March 14 & 15 in Upham Woods. Erin will be attending. Art Days to be held April 25th in Marathon County and May 16th in Milwaukee. Contact Erin at the office for more information. Erin has a new area extension director and her name is Jayna Hintz. She will cover Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan counties.

Teens: Prom Dress sale was held Jan15-17, dresses consigned were down from years past. Teens discussed continuing the sale along with other new ideas. The Toys for Tots food drive supplied over 20 boxes to families in need. They are again taking orders for Belgian Pies as another fundraiser. They are going tubing on Feb. 1st and are hosting the Veteran's meal on March 1st. Discussion was held on having teen representation at the Adult Leader's association meetings.

4-H Road Signs: Mike Nelson and the Archy Project will resume putting these out in spring.

Time & Talent: The deadline is coming close, January 23rd. Renee asked members present to help follow-up with the businesses that were mailed information back in December. We are also looking for donations from 4-H clubs and projects. We will need help setting up and cutting vegetables for the Booyah on Saturday and then again on Sunday after the drawings.

Winter Project Day: We are partnering with Manitowoc County 4-H at Camp Tampawingo on February 7th from 9am to noon, grades K-13, cost to be \$5.00 per person. We also joined Manitowoc County last year and they handled all the funds. Erin asked if this year Kewaunee County could handle the funds for Winter Project Day. A motion was made by Kathy for Kewaunee to handle the enrollment fees and expenses this year, second by April. A vote could not be taken as there was no quorum present at the meeting. Renee asked the board via email for a vote on this motion. Email replies received were in favor, motion passed.

Club & Project Minutes: Erin asked that all minutes be emailed to her at the Extension Office. The state 4-H office is requesting attendance records from all club and project meetings. This is to include all those present, not just members and leaders. All people present must sign in at each meeting to be accounted for. Erin has asked that those records be kept until the end of the year and turned into her office at that time.

Smart Goals: The association voted on the following goals for our 2025-2026 charter year.
Goal #1 Retain membership by 90% and increase membership in the group by 25% by 6-1-26.
Goal #2 Youth representation on the board and association. Invite teens at the club and project levels to participate. Oct 1, 2026.

Next Association meeting is March, 16 at 6:30pm.
Motion to adjourn by Ed, second by Judy at 7:30pm.
Respectfully submitted, Nancy LaCrosse