

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
September 25, 2023

President Kim Klair called the September 25, 2023 New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:00pm. All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was given: currently we have \$4317.81 in our checking account and \$5810.47 in our savings account.

- Motion to accept reports- Richard Melson
  - Second – Joanne Szotkiewicz
- Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- Reenrollment MUST be done by December 1, 2023. No one after this date can participate in any 4-H event or activity. Log onto 4Honline.com to reenroll.
- March 1 – leaders will need to review validate their rosters for enrolled members to be eligible for the fair and summer programming.
- STEM kits are available for check out from the NCC 4-H office.
- Financial literacy kit is available for club use.
- Ignite Conference will be held March 13-17. Students in grades 10-11 are eligible. Applications are due by October 27. See 4honline.com for the application and explanation of the process to apply.
- National 4-H Conference will be held from April 19-24<sup>th</sup>. December 1 is the application deadline.
- We are looking for chaperones for many of these national conferences Let Kaitlin know if you are interested in being a chaperone this year.
- The Delaware 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for their 2024 class of laureates. See their website for the nomination form.
- We have a set of Chromebooks that are available for your 4-H club meetings.
- The Public Speaking Contest will be adding an Extemporaneous Speech category to the competition this year for the senior division.
- Doug Crouse is retiring as our State 4-H Program Leader as of December 31, 2023. A retirement party is being planned. A national search committee is being formed to seek his replacement.
- National 4-H Week is October 1-7. Each day has a promotion highlight focus. Be sure to post on social media you personal promotion of 4-H.
- Our Quarter Auction fundraiser will be held of November 3 at Cedar Lane Elementary beginning at 6:30 pm. Each NCC 4-H club needs to donate an auction item.
- An overview of scheduled NCC 4-H activities was distributed, as well as 4-H club officer information packets.
- The NCC 4-H office needs to have club leadership information on file. This is a precautionary procedure to ensure smooth transition should club leadership/management change.

- There are Delaware 4-H Family Guides available for download. Copies can be made if you request.

Old Business:

1. Reenrollment is due December 1, 2023.
2. Our recent Links Meeting went well. We are looking forward to the Pumpkin Contest at the Fall Fest at Cook's Farm.
3. The Window Display has 3 clubs participating. There is one 4-H Banner participant.
4. The State 4-H Leader's Forum was postponed due to the Nor'easter storm.

New Business:

5. September 30 is the scheduled 4-H Open House at the NCC office from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
6. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the NCC 4-H Achievement Event beginning at 2:00pm. The Club with the most members present will win a prize.
7. National 4-H Week will be from October 1 through October 7. Once again, we will be having a Walking Challenge that week.
8. There is a new 4-H club forming in the Bear/Delaware City area. It is called Delaware Homesteaders. Joanne Szotkiewicz is the club leader. She has several others helping her with about 20 youth interested in becoming 4-Hers. The club will be meeting at the Bear Library.
9. Tractor Supply will host their annual Paper Clover drive to support Delaware 4-H. Our NCC location is Middletown, DE.
10. Funding requests from the Delaware 4-H Foundation are due by October 9<sup>th</sup>.
11. October 16<sup>th</sup> is the next C3 meeting.
12. There will be a club officer training on October 19.
13. The Fall Fest at Cook's Farm will be held on Saturday October 22 from 12noon to 3:00pm. The NCC 4-H Links will sponsor the Pumpkin Decorating Contest at this event. See the newsletter for information of categories.
14. All clubs are encouraged to participate in National Red Ribbon Week on October 23-31 to support drug abuse prevention.

Our next meeting will be held on

**Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted: Marian Harvey