

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
January 22,2024

President Kim Klair called the January 22,2024 New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:00 pm

All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed from our previous meeting. A check for \$250 was sent to the Delaware 4-H Foundation in honor of the retirement of Doug Crouse, former Delaware 4-H Program Leader.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Joanna Szotkiewicz
- Second – Richard Melson

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- There will be no Younger Member Weekend event this year. In its place there will be countywide 4-H Showcase on Wednesday March 13 at the NCC 4-H office conference rooms. Clubs may choose to substitute their monthly meeting with this event. The evening will consist of several stations showcasing the variety of project areas 4-H has to offer. All stations will have hands-on type of activities. Clubs are encouraged to promote this event. It will also give our 4-Hers a chance to meet and greet 4-Hers from other clubs as well as other 4-H parents to interact. Leaders Brenda Shaffer and Sarah Berninger are co-chairing this event.
- Expect your Club Audit packets in the mail by the first week of February. The information is due back ASAP! Remember, if you have a bank account, you MUST have two 4-Hers and 2 adults (not yourself) sign off on the club audit submission.
- Delaware 4-H has launched a new online record book platform called Zingbooks. A letter of information and explanation is forthcoming.
- All Camp Scholarship applications are due to the NCC 4-H office by Friday January 26.
- The Knollwood afterschool program is in need of support from 3:30pm-6:30pm Monday through Thursday. It is a paid position. Please contact Jenny Trunfio if interested or know someone who may be.
- Favorite Foods is scheduled for Saturday February 10,2024 at George Kirk Middle School. Much help is needed for a successful day. Please let Kaitlin know if you can help.
- Ag Day is scheduled for Saturday April 27 from 10-3pm at Townsend Hall. Grace Ferry is the main contact person for the event.
- We are scheduled to man the Delaware Farm Bureau Food Booth at the 2024 Delaware State Fair on Saturday July 20 from 3:00pm until close (11:00pm-ish). We earn \$500 for our leaders association for manning the booth at this time.
- For future reference, the NCC 4-H Achievement Event is scheduled for Saturday October 5 at 4:00pm.

Old Business:

1. The NCC 4-H Public Speaking Contest was a great success. The new Extemporaneous Speaking category was well received.
2. The annual Winter Fun Day had good participation. Fifteen 4-Hers participated with the event being facilitated by the NCC 4-H Jr. Council members.
3. The recent C-3 meeting had many participants. All seem eager to continue their training and the group is meshing together well.
4. Jr. Leader Weekend had 9 participants. All received CPR training, interviewing skills workshop among other leadership focused fun activities.
5. Despite the inclement weather, the State Indoor Archery event had good participation.

New Business:

6. Entries for the Favorite Foods and Photography Contests are due to the NCC 4-H office today, January 22, 2024.
7. There will be a State Record Book training session on January 26 at 6:30 pm in the NCC 4-H office.
8. February 3 is the NCC 4-H night at the Delaware Mens Basketball Game at the Bob Carpenter Center, beginning at 2:00pm.
9. February 10 is our annual Favorite Foods and Photography as well as Foods Judging Contests. This will be held at George Kirk Middle School cafeteria.
10. February 12<sup>th</sup> is the next C-3 meeting.
11. February 13<sup>th</sup> is the next NCC 4-H Links ZOOM meeting beginning at 7:00pm. All Links are encouraged to log on.
12. February 17-18 will be the annual State 4-H Teen Conference in Newark, DE. Applications will be accepted until February 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$50 scholarship available for any NCC 4-Her 13years old or older. The recipient must be fully enrolled in 4-H.
13. February 22 is the Health and Wellness meeting at the NCC 4-H office.
14. There will be a Life Smarts Competition at the New Castle Building on the fairgrounds in Harrington. The event is open to 4-Hers grades 9-12 in teams of four. The format is similar to the Consumer Bowl with a broader focus on many aspects of much needed life-skills training.
15. Registrations for the County-wide 4-H Showcase event planned for March 13 are due to the NCC 4-H office by February 26.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joanna Szotkiewicz, seconded by Blackie Wasgatt. The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marian Harvey