

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
March 25,2024

President Kim Klair called the March 25,2024 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. Current savings account holds \$5816.27 and the checking account holds \$5779.81.

Three outstanding checks are currently in the pipeline: \$350 to the U of D for the State Teen Council attendees, \$1000.00 to the Delaware 4-H Foundation and \$535.00 to the U of D for the Favorite Foods awards and expenses. All are budget line items. That will bring our checking account balance to \$3894.81.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Richard Melson
- Second – Joyce Van Stan

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- The next Delaware 4-H Legislative Day is April 24 at Legislative Hall in Dover.
- Joanne's Fabrics is having a 4-H fundraiser at their store March 4 through May 4. See the store or website for details.
- Tractor Supply in Middletown is having their 4-H paper clover drive from April 24 through May 4th.
- The State Program Leader position is in the interview process with two very strong candidates.
- The State Teen Council is hosting an inaugural Spring Formal Dance at the Vanderwende Farm event facility on April 13th.
- The DE 4-H Foundation is continuing to receive nominations for the 2024 Laureate Class. Deadline has been moved to May 1.
- The LifeSmarts competition has the Sussex County team going to the National LifeSmarts Conference. This LifeSmarts competition is expected to grow in the coming years.

Old Business:

1. State Camp and Day Camp registrations are open. State Camp is 68% full and NCC Day Camp is full. Registrations will open to the public on April 1st.
2. The recent County-wide Club Palooza Night was a great success! It was very well attended with over 50 youth. Adjustments in the timing of the stations were discussed and all agreed we would plan this event again next year.
3. The recent Ignite Conference went well. NCC had three 4-Hers attend. The leadership skills gained was very effective and the Delaware teen representatives are planning to implement ideas gained here in our Delaware 4-H programs.

4. The Horse Bowl went well. We had more Jr./Sr. participants than in years past.

New Business:

5. April 1 the Delaware State Fair exhibitor link goes live and will receive entries. New this year, for all 4-Hers (aged 8-18) you must have at minimum, 5 exhibits or participate in 2 events to receive a weeklong Fair Pass. This will not apply to Cloverbud aged 4-hers.
6. April 5 is the next Plogging event on Pomeroy Trail from 10am-12pm.
7. April 6 is the annual Spring 4-H/FFA Dairy Show on the show grounds at the Delaware State Fair.
8. April 13 is Camp Barnes Clean-up day
9. The Clothing Showcase will be on April 14 at the New Castle Building at the Delaware State Fair. All construction items and ready to wear items need to be at the NCC office by April 8th.
10. April 19 is the deadline for the Litter Barrel contest participants to have their barrels in place. If a club is in need of a barrel, let the NCC 4-H office know.
11. National 4-H Conference will be April 19-24th in Washington, DC. There are three Delaware 4-Hers attending.
12. The Health and Wellness Ambassadors (HAWA) are having an overnight training event from April 19-20.
13. April 21st will be the County Archery Shoot at B&B Farms in Townsend from 2pm-4pm.
14. All hands on deck for our next Ag Day event on Saturday April 27th. This is our biggest fundraiser for our leaders organization. Brenda Shaffer continues to be the (magnificent) leader of this event for us with organizing needs and gathering/delegating all the necessary items for our Food Booth. We are also going to have the NCC Links sell Pulled Chicken (with final approval forthcoming) as a fundraiser vehicle since there will not be a NCC Livestock Show this year.

Sharing:

All were saddened to learn of the passing of Robyn Hunter's father. A card of sympathy will be sent to her from our leader's group.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Melson seconded by Maureen Ernst. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marian Harvey