

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
August 26,2024

President Kim Klair called the May 20,2024 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 a balance of \$5,821.15 and the checking account holds a balance of \$5655.16. We have no outstanding checks as of this report. We received a check for \$600.00 from the Delaware Farm Bureau for our support in their food booth at the Delaware State Fair.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Richard Melson
- Second – Joanne Szotkiewicz

Motion passed.

The annual budget for the NCC Leaders Association was proposed for the FY 2024-2025. All reviewed the proposed budget expenditures.

Motion made to accept the FY2024-2025 budget as proposed:

- Motion – Joanne Szotkiewicz
- Second – Robyn Hunter

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- Our annual Quarter Auction Fundraiser will be held Friday November 1, 2024 at Cedar Lane Elementary School near Middletown, DE. Each NCC 4H Club is asked to donate an item for the auction.
- Our 2024 Achievement Event will be held on Saturday October 5 at the NCC 4H office meeting rooms.
- Re-enrollment for the 2024-25 4H year will begin after Labor Day and MUST be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. A 4Her must be re-enrolled to participate in any club, county or state activity.
- The NCC 4H Exchange Group is restarting after a brief break. To participate you must be 13 years old or older. Meetings will be held monthly before the leaders and Jr. Council meeting.
- Applications for the Jr. Fair Board are due by September 27. To apply, you must be 16 years old as of October 31 and know that it is a two-year commitment.
- The calendar for the 2024-25 NCC 4-H year was presented. Several dates for activities and events were discussed. Many dates are still in a tentative state. The NCC 4-H Blog will update this calendar in real time.
- A Life-Smarts team is being formed. More information is forthcoming. Participants must be of high school age to travel. A middle school aged group is also being formed but will not travel out of state.
- The State Interim Director of Extension is Erik Ervin. This is a one-year position.
- Doug Crouse is officially retiring on September 30, which will be his last day.

Old Business:

1. The State 4H Camp weeks went well. There were 83 4-Hers for week one and 90 4-Hers for week two. There was also an increase in the number of counselors this year, which was a great help.
2. Day Camps all went well. The group of CITs was very enthusiastic and helpful.
3. The 2024 Delaware State Fair was a success. The enforcement of the new pass rule seemed to be acceptable to all. It was suggested to make the Public Speaking Contest on Saturday rather than Friday evening as travel time on a Friday impedes many of the participants. Kaitlin will take this suggestion to her upcoming staff meeting.

New Business:

4. September 1 reenrollment for the 2024-25 4-H year opens. Remind your club members they MUST reenroll by December 1 in order to participate in any 4-H activity.
5. The NCC 4-H office will be closed for Labor Day on September 2.
6. The next NCC 4-H Links meeting will be held via ZOOM on September 10 at 7:00pm.
7. September 13 Window Display/Banner forms are due to the 4-H office.
8. September 13 Leader Packets are due to the 4-H office.
9. September 13 Record books and Diamond Clover submissions are due to the 4-H office.
10. September 15 applications for the IGNITE Conference are due via 4-H Online link.
11. September 15 is the next Newark Community Day from 11am-4pm. If anyone is available to man the NCC 4-H booth please let Kaitlyn know.
12. September 21 is the Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame Banquet at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. We have several laureates in this 2024 Hall of Fame class from NCC: Linda Somers, Betsy Morris, Kim Klair, Richard Klair, Barbara Klair, and Dave Simpson.
13. October 1 all grant applications for the Delaware 4-H Foundation are due.
14. October 5 will be the next NCC 4-H Achievement event beginning at 4pm at the NCC 4-H office.

## Sharing:

- The Meadowlarks 4-H Club's "Cangeneering" event for the Delaware Food Bank was a great success. Also, Allison Melson will be a new leader for the Meadowlarks 4-H Club.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Melson seconded by Robyn Hunter. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marian Harvey