

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
September 23,2024

President Kim Klair called the September 23,2024 New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:00 pm  
All said the 4-H and American pledges.  
We welcomed a new leader of the newly formed Thrive Tribe 4-H Club, Danine Huff –Romero.

The secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed from the previous month. Current savings account holds a balance of \$5,821.15 and the checking account holds a balance of \$5655.16.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Richard Melson
- Second – Brenda Shaffer

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- Our 2024 Achievement Event will be held on Saturday October 5 at the NCC
- 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.
- The Pumpkin Contest will be held on October 20 at the Kranz Farm from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The pumpkin categories for the event are:
  - o Carved
  - o 4-H Themed
  - o Decorated

Registration will be in the newsletter. All participants must bring their pumpkin completed in the decoration category of their choice to the event. This contest is sponsored by the NCC 4-H Links and monetary awards will be given to the category/age winners.

- The Ignite Conference will be March 12-16 in Washington DC. We are in need of chaperones for the event. If you are interested, let Kaitlin know.
- We are also in need of chaperones for National 4-H Conference April 11-16.
- Information regarding the formation of our state LifeSmarts team will be in the newsletter this month. We need to make our team by November 1. To prepare for the National Contest on April 24-27. Please encourage your high school aged 4-Hers to consider registering.
- The annual NCC Livestock Show has been sunsetted. Kent County will allow NCC 4-Her to show at their Livestock show. More information will be forthcoming in the spring.
- The annual State 4-H Leaders Forum will be held on February 1. Watch for more information regarding this event. It will be held at the Del Tech Campus in Georgetown, DE with overnight accommodations available at the Virden Center in Lewes.

- 4-H bookmarks featuring the 4-H pledge and the 4-H Motto were distributed. Please give to any new member you may have.
- Club leadership information sheets were distributed. Please complete for the county office files.
- Kaitlin shared information regarding a Cloverbud record book, which will be made available for your Cloverbuds. Let her know if you want to use them.
- Please sign up for Kaitlin to come visit your club meetings. She will visit once in the Fall and once in the Spring. This will help her become more familiar with your 4-Hers and they with her as they participate in county 4-H events.
- Information regarding Red Ribbon Week for Drug Abuse Prevention was made available for club leaders to use and distribute.

#### Old Business:

1. The time is NOW to have your current 4-H member to reenroll. Reenrollment will end on December 1, 2024.
2. The NCC Links meeting went well. We are set to sponsor the Pumpkin Contest on October 20 at the Kranz Farm.
3. We will have 3 Links inducted onto our chain on October 6 at the NCC 4-H Achievement Event. They are: Ava Raughley, Melanie Witte and Noah McDerby.
4. The NCC Links will hold their annual picnic at Lums Pond on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Please sign up if you plan to attend.
5. Newark Community Days went well. Several potential youth and families took information regarding joining a club.
6. The State 4-H Hall of Fame induction ceremony went well. Linda Somers, Betsy Morris, Kim Klair, Barbara and Richard Klair and Dave Simpson were all in the 2024 Laureate Class.

#### New Business:

7. October 1 all grant applications for the Delaware 4-H Foundation are due.
8. October 5 will be the next NCC 4-H Achievement event beginning at 4pm at the NCC 4-H office.
9. October 5 is the deadline for Window Displays/Banners promoting 4-H to be in place. Currently, we have 3 clubs with Window Displays and 1 Banner.
10. October 6 will be the NCC 4-H Links annual Picnic at Lums Pond beginning at 1pm.
11. National 4-H Week will be October 6-12. This is also the dates for the National 4-H Walking Challenge. Please register online for this.
12. The NCC 4-H annual Pumpkin Contest will be on October 20 at the Kranz Farm from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. See the newsletter for more information.

13. There will be a club officer training on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the NCC 4-H office from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Please encourage your slate of officers to attend.
14. Mark your calendars for November 1<sup>st</sup> as this is our annual Quarter Auction event. It will be at Cedar Lane Elementary School again this year beginning at 6:00pm.

Sharing:

Motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Shaffer seconded by Brenda Ebling.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marian Harvey