

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

Vice President Robyn Hunter called the November 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 a balance of \$5,823.09 and the checking account holds a balance of \$7442.42. Total deposit of \$3,143 was made from Quarter Auction profits.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Richard Melson
- Second – Linda Somers

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- DEADLINE for reenrollment is December 1! No exceptions will be made. Please do everything you can to get your current 4-Hers to reenroll.
- We will once again have our Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree during the holidays in the lobby of the 4-H office area this year. All donated items need to be on the tree by December 12.
- Mark your calendars now for the 2025 State Teen Conference to be held at the University of Delaware February 22-23, 2025. More information will be in the newsletter.
- The 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on December 4 at 6:30 pm at the Brandywine Public Library.
- The next Paper Clover drive at Tractor Supply in Middletown and the new store in Bear will be from November 29-December 15.
- Winter Fun Day will be held on December 7 from 10am to 12pm at the NCC 4-H office area. This is geared to 8 -12-year-olds.
- We will hold a December leaders meeting on December 9. This will be a potluck meal and fun celebration of the holiday season.
- The State 4-H Leader's Forum will be held Saturday February 1, 2025, at the Del Tech Campus in Georgetown, DE with an option to stay at the Virden Center in Lewes the night before.
- Registration for the 2025 Favorite Foods Contest will close by January 24. The Event will take place on February 8 at the NCC Office.
- There will be a LifeSmarts event on February 9 at the New Castle Building on the grounds of the Delaware State Fair. Kaitlin is forming a NCC team to participate. She is looking for interested teens in High School and a building team in Middle School.
- There are currently 3 applicants for the vacant State 4-H Programing Leader position. Watch for more details to come.
- Tractor Supply 4-H related ornaments will continue for next year. They sold out very quickly.

- Our second annual Club Palooza will be held on March 20. Committee to help plan is now being formed.

#### Old Business:

1. The 2024 Quarter Auction Fundraiser was a big success! We sold 79 paddles. The items being auctioned were very inviting. We plan to begin the evening earlier next year (6:30pm) and better organize check in. We have already purchased a ball spinner for number selection and are seeking information as to expanding the room size to better accommodate the participants.
2. The recent C-3 meeting went well.
3. The recent STEAM Leggotown evening went well! Another evening is being planned for the spring.

#### New Business:

4. November The NCC 4-H office will be closed November 27-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
5. Tractor Supply will hold their annual Paper Clover Campaign November 29- December 15. Please remember NCC 4-H only receives benefit from the New Castle County tractor Supply locations.
6. National 4-H Conference applications are due by December 2 via 4-H online.
7. The NCC Public Speaking Contest will be held on December 4 at the Brandywine Public Library.
8. There will be a 4-H winter Fun Day on Saturday December 7 at the NCC 4-H Office from 10:00 am to 12noon.
9. We will have a combined Jr Council and Leaders Association Winter Potluck on December 9 beginning at 6:30pm at the NCC4-H office. We will not have a regular business meeting.
10. The NCC 4-H office will be closed from December 23- January 1 for the winter break.
11. December 30 will be the annual 4-H Skating Party at the Centre (4-H Building) in Harrington. See the Newsletter for more details.
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#### Sharing:

- The Delaware 4-H Foundation has grant money available for clubs to access. All clubs are encouraged to apply for these monies. Deadline is March 1 and October 1.
- Doug Crouse has become a new Board member for the Delaware 4-H Foundation.
- Friends for White Clay State Park are asking for volunteers to help plant trees this spring. Watch for more information to come this spring. It would be a great community outreach activity for your club.
- Porter Gang recently made tray favors for the residents at Arcadia Rehabilitation

Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Berninger seconded by Brenda Ebling.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm**  
at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marian Harvey