

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
January 27, 2025

President Kim Klair called the January 27, 2025 New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:00 pm. We all welcomed our newly appointed State 4-H Program Leader, Dr. Ernie Lopez.

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 \$8,969.45 and the checking account holds a balance of \$7,436.42. A check for our budgeted \$1000 to the Delaware 4-H Foundation will be sent soon. Checks to support the Leader's Forum, Jr. Leader Weekend, and state Teen Council will also be sent when the requests arrive.

Motion made to accept the reports:

- Motion- Kim Klair
- Second – Maureen Ernst

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- 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 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 today. The Event will take place on February 8 the NCC 4-H office area.
- Delaware 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due by March 1. They will be accepted again by October 1.
- The application process for State and Day Camps for 2025 will open on March 1.
- The Delaware Farm Bureau has donated a Grizzly Cooler filled with goodies and games to be auctioned off on April 1. All proceeds will go to the Delaware 4-H Leaders and Volunteers. Tickets are available for the county 4-H office.
- Our second annual Club Palooza will be held on March 20. Committee to help plan is now being formed.
- There is an interest to have a Livestock Showing clinic to teach 4-Hers how to properly show an animal. Watch the newsletter for more details to come.

Old Business:

1. The NCC Public Speaking Contest held on December 4 at the Brandywine Public Library went well.
2. Tractor Supply held their annual Paper Clover Campaign November 29- December 15. Results will be forth coming.

3. The annual 4-H Skating Party at the Centre (4-H Building) in Harrington was held on December 30. This will be the last one as the Delaware State Fair is dismantling the Ice Arena. A large donation of canned food was made to the Delaware Food Bank as a result of this event.
4. The recent Foods Skill-a-Thon Training went well. Skill-a-Thon is the previously named Judging Contest.
5. The Jr. Leader Weekend was a great time! The 4-Hers learned a lot about teaming and are excited about upcoming 4-H events.

New Business:

6. 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.
7. The annual Favorite Foods Contest will be held on February 8 at the NCC 4-H office area. Contestants will be sent their arrival times. Foods Skill-a-Thon and the Photography Contest will also take place during this event.
8. There will be a LifeSmarts event at the New Castle Building at the Delaware State Fair on February 9 at 2:00pm.
9. The next C-3 meeting will be on Monday February 10 at the NCC 4-H office beginning at 6:30pm.
10. There will be a NCC Links meeting on February 11 at 7:00 via ZOOM.
11. The annual 4-H Day at the U of Delaware men's basketball game will be on Saturday February 15. Tickets are available until February 3.
12. State Teen Conference will be held on February 22-23 at Townsend Hall. See the newsletter for more details.
13. Delaware 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are due by March 1. They will be accepted again by October 1.
14. The application process for State and Day Camps for 2025 will open on March 1. Be mindful these events fill up quickly.

Sharing:

- The Cangenerring Event previously lead by the Meadowlarks 4-H club will now be a county-wide event. Watch for more details and dates in the newsletter.
- There was a discussion of scheduling a leader training for helping children with mental health issues. More discussion of this issue will be held at future meetings.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Melson seconded by Alicia Aber.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marian Harvey