

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
August 25, 2025

President Kim Klair called the August 25, 2025, 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. Our savings account balance is currently \$11,603.28 and our checking account balance is \$4,271.50. We currently have no outstanding checks. A proposed budget for FY 2025-26 was presented.

Motion to accept the proposed FY 2025-26 budget:

Motion – Richard Melson

Second – Robyn Hunter

Motion passed.

A proposal was presented to the leaders to change the process for fund distribution of the 2025-26 approved budget:

During the 2025-26 budget year, if the current New Castle County 4-H Agent identifies a financial need for a 4-H program that is already a budgeted line item, the New Castle County Leader's Association treasurer can be directed by the 4-H Agent to fulfill the request with the approval of the New Castle County Leader's Association Executive Board of Officers. This will be done with written notation of the approval via email.

Motion for this fund distribution amendment:

Motion: Linda Somers

Second: Alyssa VanSant

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the secretary and treasurer's reports:

Motion: Alyssa VanSant

Second: Brenda Shaffer

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- National 4-H Week is October 5-11. The theme is *Beyond Ready*. Our key word focus for Delaware 4-H this year is SPARK! How to ignite the Spark within 4-Hers and leaders. This is part of the larger national focus of the THRIVE model.
- We will be having our NCC 4-H Achievement event at the Kranz Farm on Sunday October 5, 2025 (if rain is forecasted, we will hold the event at the NCC 4-H office). This will be a Farm to Table dinner beginning at 3:00pm. Registration for the event is in the newsletter. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. Please urge your families to attend!
- There will be a National 4-H Week Walking Challenge October 5-11.
- The 4th H for Health club reports are due to the NCC 4-H office by September 5.

- Leader information packets MUST be in the NCC 4-H office by Friday September 12.
- 4-H record books/project books must be in the 4-H office by Friday September 12.
- Jr. Fair Board applications are due by September 26 for any youth aged 16 or older.
- Our annual Quarter Auction fundraiser is scheduled for November 7, 2025, at Cedar Lane Elementary. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the bidding to begin at 6:30. Each club is being asked to donate an auction item. All donated items must be at the NCC 4-H office by October 31, 2025, unless other delivery arrangements have been made with Kaitlin's approval.
- The NCC 4-H Calendar of activities has been set for the year. A few dates are not completely confirmed but will be updated for current status through the NCC 4-H online website. Please monitor this for accurate information.
- The Window Display application forms are due to the NCC 4-H office by September 22.
- This year, the State Leader's Forum will be on November 21-22 at the University of Delaware Virden Center in Lewes, DE.
- Kaitlin will be on maternity leave from the end of December until March.
- The NCC 4-H office will be closed for Labor Day on September 1.

Old Business:

1. Both weeks of Delaware State 4-H Camp went well. There were many reports of very happy campers and pleased parents.
2. The NCC 4-H Day Camps went well. All sessions were full. There were 10 CITs participating in the trainings, six of 10 were 4-Hers.
3. The 2025 Delaware State Fair was discussed. Several suggestions were made:
 - a. Eliminate the camera type denotation as it appears to no longer be relevant
 - b. Consider removing the black and white exhibit item as actual film and processing are no longer being used. It is simply an edit on the camera.
 - c. Consider that our county does more coaching of our Public Speaking participants prior to the state contest to help them better prepare.
 - d. Reminder to all club leaders that legitimate fair exhibit tags from the county office MUST be the ones used. Do not let your club members print them off on their own printer or as a leader, print your own as they do not contain the required information and QR code.

New Business:

1. Everyone must re-enroll for the 2025-26 4-H year beginning Tuesday September 2, 2025, but before December 1, 2025. Check the NCC 4-H website for re-enrollment information.
2. Our Next NCC Links meeting will be on September 17, 2025, at 7:00pm via ZOOM.
3. Leader club information packets are due to the NCC 4-H office by September 12.
4. Record books and Diamond Clover final reports are due to the NCC 4-H office by September 12.
5. Window Display registration forms are due to the NCC 4-H office by September 22.
6. There will be a NCC 4-H Exchange Group meeting of interest on September 22 at 6:00pm. Encourage any of your interested Jr. Leaders (aged 13 and older) to attend. This is scheduled prior to our monthly Jr. Leaders and Leader's meetings.

Motion to adjourn: Malinda Alexander

Seconded: Brenda Shaffer

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey