

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
September 22, 2025

President Kim Klair called the September 22, 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 \$11,604.76 and our checking account balance is \$4,868.50. We currently have no outstanding checks. A deposit of \$600 from the Delaware Farm Bureau was made into our checking account.

Motion to accept the secretary's and treasurer's reports:

Motion – Brenda Ebling
Second – Robyn Hunter

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

- Reenrollment is open! All 4-Hers and volunteers must be reenrolled by Dec 1 to participate in any Delaware 4-H event.
- This year, the State Leader's Forum will be on November 21-22 at the University of Delaware Virden Center in Lewes, DE. A Leader Recognition program will be held on Friday evening November 21. A variety of workshops are planned for Saturday and will encompass something for everyone from brand new leaders to well-seasoned ones. Our NCC leader's association will fund any NCC 4-H leader who wishes to attend.
- 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.
- Jr. Fair Board applications are due by September 26 for any youth aged 16 or older.
- Please submit information regarding your club officers to the NCC 4-H office as soon as possible. Training for officers is being planned for October 22.
- 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. ALL NCC 4-H CLUBS are requested to donate an item for the auction such as a themed basket.

- The State 4-H office is interviewing for a new One Voice for our annual State 4-H Camp.
- The State 4-H Office is still seeking applicants for the Volunteer Coordinator position. It does not require a master's level degree.
- The State 4-H office is still searching for a STEM Coordinator.
- The current location of the NCC Cooperative Extension Office will be moving within the coming year. More details will be forthcoming.
- Applications for the Ignite Conference are due by October 15. The conference takes place March 25-29 in Alexandria, VA and is open to any 4-Her aged 14 and above.
- Kaitlin will be on maternity leave from the end of December until March. Jenny Trunfio will be assuming Kaitlin's duties as well as her own.

Old 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.
The NCC Leaders Association budget and yearly calendar have been approved.
2. Record Books and Diamond Clover reports are being reviewed and awards will be given at our Achievement Celebration.
3. Our Links organization is looking for a secretary. We also need help with the Pumpkin Contest on Sunday October 26 at the Kranz Farm

New Business:

4. The Delaware 4-H Foundation Grant applications are due by October 1, 2025.
5. The National Ignite Conference applications are due via 4-H Online by October 1.
6. All window Display entries must be in place by October 3.
7. Our annual Achievement Celebration will be held on Sunday October 5 at the Kranz Farm beginning at 3:00pm.
8. National 4-H Week begins October 5 and runs through the week till October 11. Be sure to note the variety of activities your 4-Hers can do and post on social media each day to be entered for a prize.
9. There will be a National 4-H Week Walking Challenge October 5-11.

10. There will be a C-3 meeting at the NCC 4-H office on October 13, beginning at 6:30pm.
11. The State 4-H Horse Advisory meeting will be held on October 14 at 7:00pm in the Kent County 4-H office.
12. Officer's training will take place on October 22.
13. Red Ribbon Week will be October 23-31. The theme this year is *Life is a Puzzle; Solve It Drug Free!*
14. The Pumpkin Contest will be held of Sunday October 26 at the Kranz Farm from 3:00 – 4:30pm.

Motion to adjourn: Linda Somers

Seconded: Brenda Shaffer

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey