

Minutes – Fond du Lac County 4-H Leader Association April 8, 2017

The Fond du Lac County 4-H Volunteer and Leader Spring Meeting on April 8, 2017 was called to order by Jackie at 9:01 am. Pledges were led by Rose Petrie.

Emily Franke and Jake Dabringer spoke to the audience about the Presidential Inauguration trip that they attended in January along with 4-Hers from other states. They were able to witness the inauguration and shared stories about their experience in Washington D.C., saw the women's march, went on a dinner cruise, met and talked with other 4-H members. Emily feels the trip went so smoothly that it will most likely take place again in four years for more 4-H members. Thanks to the adult leaders for helping the experience happen. :)

The consent agenda was approved. It included the minutes from the October meetings and the treasurer report. Correspondence was passed around and read as well. Following this, Teen Leaders led a "Get to Know You" Bingo game for an icebreaker.

Community action consisted of information on four different topics. JoAnn C. spoke about the New Horizons Trip. This year, members will be going to Charleston, South Carolina. We were given a brief explanation of the new horizons trip. The group has already started fundraising. Order Faris popcorn from their next fundraiser! There are seven teens attending and they will be flying there and back. Cassie Higgins spoke about The Arc of Fond du Lac. It is a human services program that provides services to youth and adults in Fond du Lac and the surrounding areas. The Arc focuses on clients abilities rather than their disabilities. Cassie spoke about the different services they provide for all of the individuals involved with The Arc. They are asking for volunteers and she handed out volunteer information. Any ages can come help with a group.. Lorna Bock told us about Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA. It is April 29 from 11-2. Call Lorna if you are interested in attending and/or helping out. Maybe bring your pets with for the kids to pet and feed. Araceli Oswald reported on the 4-H basketball tournament and said it was a great turnout and kids loved it. Help is needed putting it together in the future because of UW reorganization. They are looking for one or two clubs to take leadership in this.

Several announcements were then made. On National Flag Day, 4-H youth are asked to lead the 4-H pledge on Wednesday, June 14th at 4:30 pm at Veterans Park. Kim Carey told about the Fond du Lac Small Animal Fun Show on May 13th. Bring in small animals to practice showing and learn more about showing. Animals will be for sale as well. There is a small registration fee. They are asking any clubs with small animal members to donate to the raffle (new or gently used feeders, plants, feed, etc). Set up is the Friday evening before. To sell at the fair, members need 6 points through attending meetings and shows. Set up gives you 2 points and showing gets you 2 points as well. Paul Bleuel talked about fair passes. He has been in contact with the fair board asking questions. Youth passes are \$5, upgrade for shows is \$15. Adult season pass is \$35 including parking and shows. Concerts are not included in shows. More information is on Facebook. Araceli told about Lemonade Day. 21 4-Hers will be involved in the entrepreneur day on May 6th. Come help support. Cindy talked about the Fond du Lac MS Walk. They are looking for a few volunteers also on May 6th. Cindy then talked about Foods Revue, which is June 5th. This year's special ingredient in rhubarb. Cindy then asked if we could we please pay the \$15 a year to renew the name "fonddulac4h.org" because when she

types that up it does not come up anymore. Araceli says to just google "fond du lac 4h" and the first website that comes up is our own.

Together, Araceli and Denise Retzleff touched on Life Skills for All Ages and Stages of Youth. They handed out a packet and we looked through it. Some of the main points were the "Ages and Stages", "Experiential Learning Diagram", and the "Life Skills Circle". 4-H in general will really be looking for life skills in record books this year. We also did an activity to practice using the diagram.

Next, Kim talked about "what's in a project". Project leaders teach skills and knowledge in any area of interest to 4-H youth. She shared a PowerPoint about what project leaders should really be doing. There is a survey going around, eventually to the entire county, asking general leaders, project leaders, and members, about various things such as project meetings, junior leaders, etc. This way we can find out our strengths and what should be addressed to improve project experiences.

Teen Leaders presented the "In the Spotlight" where the charters were announced and passed out with flowers, and pictures were taken.

Lorna and JoAnn ask that we please sell our raffle tickets for the Adult Leaders Fundraiser.

"Food Stand Follies" is asking that clubs sign up to work in the Adult Leaders and the Teen Leaders food stands. Manager are also needed for both.

Cindy talked about the Silent Auction and said that making sure there is a person sitting at the table is vital. We will be selling raffle tickets while watching over the silent auction. The Recreation Building does not close until 10pm and someone needs to sit there and spend the time volunteering. From 4-6pm on the Sunday of the fair, we need volunteers to pack up and call the winners of the auction baskets. Please let Cindy know if you are bringing something or if you can pick something up from a business.

Olivia read the Shout Outs to the audience. There were several shout outs made to different 4-H clubs. The audience was also asked if there were any shout outs they wanted to make as well.

To end the meeting, we watched a video presented by the National 4-H Council. It was about the Raise Your Hand Campaign. The video was about 4-H being the next generation of leaders. The council is asking for people to say that they are proud alumni of 4-H. The state with the most raised hands gets money (1st, 2nd, 3rd place). Go online and raise your hand.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 23. There will be junior fair discussion at 6:30 and the Leader meeting at 7:00.

Attendance: JoAnn Critchley, Rose Petrie, Kimberly Carey, Joshua Bleuel, Paul Bleuel, Cindy Koffman, Sue Kamphuis, Jamie Trewin, Danielle Newton, Lori Quackenboss, Carla Bryant, Susan Buechel, Yvonne Greenfield, Andrew Spegei, Tina Hansen, Judy Bertram, Olivia Halbur, Jake Dabringer, Olivia Newton, Emily Franke, Denise Retzleff, Cassidy Vande Berg, Jackie Luedtke, Lorna Bock, Elsie Kottke, Araceli Oswald