

**Fond du Lac County 4-H**  
**Volunteer and Leader Summer Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2017      UW-FdL room AE205/6**  
**6:30-6:59 pm – Junior Fair discussion; 7-8:30 pm Association meeting**

**Junior Fair Discussion:**

Open class exhibitor fee-\$35...if the fair is free why is it so much?

Silent Auction liked where they were this year.

Are fair booths dying? Any other option? Maybe a tri fold or display poster for clubs.

Some people had to pay for a club flower pot, some didn't.

Horse Arena has very bad bleachers.

Things placed in gardening department was very well organized for Susan.

A lot of fairgoers don't know that there are horses at the fair. Cars are blocking off where the horses are at. People won't walk by the parked cars because they think they shouldn't be there.

Maybe signs saying all of the different animals and where they are.

No direction for parking.

Can the pathway for the birthing center trailer entry get graveled because it became very muddy.

Lots of people walk on that and would be nice to not be so muddy due to tire tracks.

Lion and Tiger Show was awesome.

Expo Building-Can doors be open to create a more welcoming atmosphere. More kid friendly things in building...maybe a play area. But then it becomes a kid drop off station.

Empty barn space put to better use.

**Call to order:** 7:07 pm

**Present:** JoAnn Critchley, Karlene Krueger, Jessie Jordan, Heidi Zingsheim, Heidi Brill, Kris Waldschmidt, Brianna Biermann, Faith Biermann, George Trewin, Fran Trewin, Elsie Kottke, Vicki Thomas, Amy Johnson, Paul Bleuel, Tina Hansen, Danielle Newton, Joshua Bleuel, Sue Kamphuis, Cassidy VandeBerg, Deb Senn, Larry Duer, Rose Petrie, Carla Bryant, JoAnn Maedke, Jennifer Greenfield, Yvonne Greenfield, Cindy Koffman, Kimberly Carey, Susan Buechel, Lorna Bock, Charlene Tollefson, Raelynn Hansen, Cayley VandeBerg, Deb Mess, Judy Straub, Araceli Oswald, Denise Retzleff

**Pledges led by TLA members**

**April 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Motioned and approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy talked about if we need to start using more of the Thuerwachter's balance because after 20 years it should be used up. Do we need to start giving out more scholarships? The board will discuss this matter. Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Correspondence:** Was passed around

**Get up and get acquainted:** Hula Hoop teamwork activity led by JoAnn C.

**Announcements:**

Record Book Awards: Must reply to email by September 6.

2017-18 enrollment booklet is out. There were some updates to try to make it better.

You can pick up the state fair exhibits in the office.

National 4-H Week is October 1-7. Let us know how your club celebrates. #trueleaders #4Hweek

**4-H Club Involvement Discussion:** Put the big events on our website at the beginning of the year. So then other clubs and 4-H'ers when they are planning their club charters are able to know about these activities in advance. Each club could post their top three events, then maybe if other 4-H'ers from other clubs wanted to attend they could. 4-H Night at the Dockspiders was brought up as a possible event for next summer.

**Goals:**

**What's in a project:** Pilot clubs will be getting a survey. Purpose is to see how the leaders in clubs are doing. Making sure the youth have the resources they need for their project. After these groups take the survey, we will be fixing any tweaks and sending them off to the rest of the clubs for 4-H members and leaders to fill out as well.

**Life Skills:** Cayley and Raelyn talked about some of the life skills they used. Cayley described the multiple life skills that fit into the four H's: Head, Heart, Hands, Health and told us the activities of how her club fulfills them. Fair also includes a lot, through the market livestock project and volunteering at the food stand. Raelyn said how doing a record book every year gains many life skills, as well as face to face judging. She also described many other activities of how she has gained life skills, including how she presented at this meeting.

**Member Record Books:** Are there kids that want to quit 4-H because of the record book? Or are there kids that look back and realize that it was beneficial. PFR's are sometimes not realistic. We are losing people to FFA because they don't have to do record books. Yvonne talked about how members in her club are heavy in both FFA & 4-H and use records from both. Need to educate parents on what record books are. If we don't do record books then we will have no county awards. Need to make it known that they don't have to write the story if they don't want to. Some forms that should not be required. Maybe stray away from the record book-turn electronic? Record book workshops are very helpful on the club level.

**Club Officers as a Leadership Opportunity:** Denise led a group discussion on the many different ways to help club officers. Groups were sat at tables around the room and discussed different topics and reported to the group.

**4-H Raffle:** Lorna announced the top sellers for clubs as well as families. We cut down the amount of tickets that were sold this year. Money raised was approximately \$5,540.

**Silent Auction:** If you wanted to know how much your auction item went for it's in the binder. We had 79 items. All but two clubs participated. Cindy is looking for a partner to help with pre-sale parts of the silent auction. \$4,060.50 is the total as of now with one more item yet to be picked up. People that worked the silent auction as a part of their club working the TLA food should get the food coupon, as well as reminder to send someone out there.

**Adult Leader Food Stand:** It was a busy year. Great groups working. Thank you to Kim, Josh, and Paul for helping out Judy with a half a shift. This year's profits were \$5,797.76. We ran out of everything. Sadly this was Judy's last year.

**Brat Fry at Fleet Farm:** First year we had this opportunity. We ended up having a lot of help. Did it August 11 & 12th. Made approximately \$560. Friday was very busy, Saturday was slower. Hopefully we will have this opportunity in the future.

**2017-18 Budget:** Motioned and approved.

**Flag Presentation:** Every year Ledgers has gone to a county board meeting to present the flags. More clubs are asked to participate. If some clubs could help out and send a minimum of two youth to the board meetings. You just need to contact Rhoda Hinz and then your club could present the flags at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.