

Fond Du Lac County 4-H Adult Leader Association Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at UW-Fond du Lac Room AE-205/206 Administration/Extension Building. Fair discussion was held before the meeting.

Fair discussion began at 6:35pm. Bridget Schaumberg & Katie Grinstead from the Fond du Lac County Fair Board were there to answer questions and note areas of concern. The weather was the biggest challenge this year and affected attendance between the extreme heat and storms. The Friday night grandstand act cancelled Friday morning. A replacement act was found. Saturday night's grandstand act sold out but could not make up for overall low attendance. The fair is hoping to break even this year. There is a need for fair judges as the pool is thinning due to age. Horse people would love to see a roof over their arena. Extreme heat and rain make it difficult for members to show their animals. Swine pens need repair/replacement. A concern over wash rack space was expressed. Fair board members were asked to check into why 4-H could not sell raffle tickets by their food stand in the Expo Building. There were suggestions to create a fair app, and offer a farmer's market at least one day of the fair possibly in the Expo Building. The fair reps also shared the need they have for volunteers to put the fair on each year. It is much appreciated that the fair board reps take time to come to our meeting to discuss how the fair went each year.

President Lorna Bock called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Pledges were led by TLA rep. Maykayla Stommel. The secretary's minutes were unavailable. Treasurer's report was given by JoAnn Maedke and approved on a motion by Cindy Koffmann/Karlene Krueger. Paul Bleuel & JoAnn Critchley gave the Adult Leader Food Stand report. The new meatball sub sandwich was well received & about \$4,000.00, profit was made. Cindy Koffmann reported the silent auction profit was \$3,315.00. She would like to see a committee formed for next year to run the silent auction. The 4-H Raffle income was down this year showing a profit of \$4,559.00. We need to make sure members are covering the raffle ticket sales table at the fair. JoAnn Maedke presented the 2019-2020 4-H Adult Leaders budget. Discussion followed and Deb Senn/Cindy Koffmann approved the 2019-2020 budget on a motion. The New Horizons group shared their trip experience. The group went to Denver, CO to do some community service projects as well as tour the area. Members present to share this experience included: Aaron Olson, Caitlin & McKenzie Oelke, Amber & Brianna Thompson, Rebecca Volz, Kyle Pike, Hannah Bryant, Dayne Zingsheim.

Correspondence was passed around. The get acquainted activity was: share your most successful fair exhibit/experience. Many great inspiring stories were shared by the group reaffirming our mission of supporting youth. Suggestions for next year's goals were solicited from the group and included the

following: institute a new trip; increase the pool of fair judges; increase the number of people who share their expertise in a project.

Tracy Keifenheim shared the need for adult volunteers to lead the various activities/events held throughout the year. Sign up sheets were passed around at the meeting & contact will be made via e-mail as well. National 4-H week is October 6-12, 2019. There will be a 4-H Open House event at UW-FDL on Sept. 30, 2019 from 5:30–7:30 pm. Clubs are asked to send representatives to lead an activity provided by their club. Cindy Koffmann presented her idea for a new trip experience: a civil war/Tennessee experience targeting 5th-8th graders, the first week of June that would be similar to the New Horizons trip for Fond Du Lac County members only. Tracy Keifenheim asked Cindy to provide a written document detailing the trip for her to present to her superiors for approval. Paul Bleuel reminded everyone about the Leader's banquet on Nov.13, 2019. Lorna Bock reminded everyone about upcoming dates/events. Two Adult Leader Board positions are up for election in October: District #1 (Alto All Stars, Brandon Tanagers, Spring Valley or a county leader, currently represented by Jackie Luedtke who has completed 2 terms) & District #4 (Helping Hands, South Byron, Wonder Workers, or a county leader, currently represented by Jo Ann Critchley who has served 1 term). South Byron Leaders shared that one of their member's parent has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and there are several ways folks can help. Tracy Keifenheim will share details via Facebook and newsletter with everyone. A motion to adjourn at 8:45pm was made by Deb Senn/Fran Trewin. Members present included: Tracy Keifenheim, Lorna Bock, JoAnn Maedke, JoAnn Critchley, Paul Bleuel, Deb Senn, Maykayla Stommel, Josh Bleuel, Katie Grinstead, Bridget Schaumberg, Judy Bertram, George & Fran Trewin, Amy Johnson, Vickie Thomas, Tina Hansen, Jenny Vollmer, Cindy Koffmann, Marion Blakely, Karlene Krueger, Faith Biermann, Yvonne & Jennifer Greenfield, Larry Duer, Carla & Hannah Bryant, Kyle Pike, Linda Sattler, Deb Mess, Aaron & Shellie Olson, Jackie, Caitlin, & McKenzie Oelke, Jenny, Amber, & Brianna Thompson, Rebecca Volz, Dayne Zingsheim.