

FDL County 4-H Adult Leaders General Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2025 6:30pm
UW Extension - Fond du Lac

Present: Karen Albert, Alexis Bauer, Judy Bertram, Tina Engelhardt, Angie Hinz, Cindy Holzman, Noah Holzman, Ann Kaiser, Cindy Koffman, Elsie Kottke, Sarah Kraus, Jennifer Ladwig, JoAnn Maedke, Deb Mess, Rhonda Perr, Lori Quackenboss, Sara Retelle, Deb Senn, Kristen Steger, Hannah Stommel, Makayla Stommel, Ryan Stommel, Vicki Thomas, Fran Trewin, George Trewin

The meeting was preceded by a Fair Forum, hosted by Karen Albert from the Fond du Lac County Fair Board.

Call to order: 7:12pm by Cindy Holzman

Secretary Report: Deb Senn moved to approve, Cindy Koffman seconded

Treasurer Report (as of 8/11/2025)

- Checking: \$7,993.56
- Savings: \$12,019.83
- Restricted TRA accounts (from above): \$19,833.77
- Endowment (as of June 2025): \$496,596.19
- Thuerwachter Scholarship Fund (as of June 2025): \$99,839
- Deb Senn moved to approve, Cindy Koffman seconded

4-H Educator Report

- Summer Camps
 - Art Camp - 20 youth (up 6 from last year), 4 of which were community participants
 - Cardboard Camp - canceled
 - Cloverbud Day Camp - 29 youth (up 17 from previous year)
 - Foodie Camp - 16 youth (up 8 from previous year)
 - STEM Camp - 11 youth
 - LEGO Camp - 10 youth, 4 of which were community participants
- 2025-26 Enrollment
 - Online enrollment opens September 4, 2025
 - 4-H Online will be shutdown between August 29th to September 4th
 - Current enrollments do not roll over - all youth members and adult volunteers will need to re-enroll. Do not set up a new account
- A new project guide will be rolled out this year
 - Hoping to form a project committee that will meet with the 4-H Educator a few times a year to collaborate on events supporting projects that don't currently have much county support. Reach out to Tracy to express interest in joining this committee by September 15, 2025.

- Printed copies of the 2025-26 4-H calendar will be available by request only this year via the Extension Office
- Annual Financial Reviews are due to the Extension Office by September 1, 2025
- Club charter deadline is November 1, 2025
- Extension Office Move
 - The Extension Office will be moving from the FCC to 160 S. Macy St in downtown Fond du Lac. The move will be complete by December 1, 2025
 - Room 205/206 at the FCC should still be available for our use, but a room reservation system isn't currently in place.
 - Family Learning Day will not be held at the FCC. A new location is currently being scouted.
 - Programming is likely to be impacted this fall and early winter due to the move
- Certificates of Insurance
 - UW-Madison's risk management office will no longer provide certificates of insurance for 4-H clubs or groups.
 - Individual adult volunteers are still covered when acting in their role.
 - The Adult Leaders Association is looking into securing blanket coverage for all 4-H clubs/groups/events located within Fond du Lac county.
- Send leadership changes, a list of current officers, and monthly minutes to the Extension Office.
- Bylaws and policies need to be reviewed annually and approved by Tracy prior to any changes being voted into effect.

2025-26 Budget

- \$44,661.51 budgeted income
- \$39,026.00 budgeted expenses
- \$5,635.51 net ordinary income
- The WI State 4-H Foundation is now managed by UW-Madison
 - Cindy Koffman moved to provide a \$700 donation to the WI State 4-H Foundation contingent on them continuing to fund national 4-H trips for members of Fond du Lac county, Deb Senn seconded
- Deb Senn moved to approve the budget for FY26, Ryan Stommel seconded

Committee Updates

- Silent Auction - Cindy Koffman
 - \$3,661 raised
 - Fewer items overall were donated this year
 - Suggested having more people donate baked pies next year - these usually go over well
 - Additional help was needed on Sunday night of the fair
- Raffle - Judy Bertram
 - Approximately \$4,630 raised, approximately \$153 cost to print tickets
 - Assuming 950 tickets were printed, only 24 remain unsold
 - Suggest getting sponsor for cost of printing raffle tickets in the future

- Fair Food Stands - Jennifer Ladwig
 - There were several timeslots where not enough volunteers signed up for each timeslot
 - Received feedback to not offer signing up for specific jobs at the food stand in the future as that deterred some members from signing up
- Achievement Banquet - Deb Senn
 - This year's venue is Holy Family Catholic Church on 4th Street in Fond du Lac
 - Reserved for Sunday, October 19th from 10:30am-4:00pm, with event starting at 12:00pm
 - This date does not currently interfere with other club achievement nights
 - Approximate cost to rent facility is \$400
- Trip & Awards
 - Applications are due September 15, 2025
 - No applications were received yet

Record Book Reading

- Volunteers are needed to read record books on Saturday, September 6 at 8:30am
- Reach out to Sara Stevenson to RSVP

4-H Summer Intern

- Makayla Stommel presented a report on the work she did over the summer.

Adjourn: 8:37pm, Noah Holzman moved, Sarah Kraus seconded

Raffle winners were drawn throughout the meeting and announced immediately after adjourning.

Next General Meeting: November 6, 2025 at 6:30pm at UW Extension - Fond du Lac