

FDL County 4-H Adult Leaders General Meeting Minutes
November 06, 2025 6:30pm
UW Extension - Fond du Lac

Present: Tami Averbeck, Judy Bertram, Faith Biermann, Heather Cook, Heidi Hintz, Angie Hinz, Cindy Holzman, Noah Holzman, Tracy Keifenheim, Sarah Kraus, Tim Kraus, JoAnn Maedke, Deb Mess, Kate Miller, Payten Miller, Lori Quackenboss, Beth Schaefer, Deb Senn, Hannah Stommel, Ryan Stommel, Fran Trewin, George Trewin

Call to order: 6:44pm by Cindy Holzman

Secretary's Report: Deb Senn moved to approve, Heidi Hintz seconded

Treasurer's Report (as of 11/04/2025)

- Checking: \$16,648.29
- Savings: \$12,034.90
- Restricted TRA accounts (from above): \$19,833.77
- Deb Senn moved to approve, Lori Quackenboss seconded

Election of Executive Board Members

- District 1 - Alto All Stars, Brandon Tanagers or a county leader
 - Yvonne Greenfield is not seeking reelection
 - Beth Schaefer from Brandon Tanagers was nominated. Beth Schaefer moved to cast a unanimous ballot for herself in district 1 and Deb Senn seconded. Motion carried.
- District 4 - Helping Hands, South Byron or a county Leader
 - Jennifer Ladwig has served two consecutive terms and is not eligible for reelection this year
 - Kate Miller from Helping Hands was nominated. Beth Schaefer moved to cast a unanimous ballot and Deb Senn seconded. Motion carried.
- District 5 - Armstrong, Campbellsport, Welcome or a county Leader
 - Betsy Vossekuil has resigned and we need someone to fill the remainder of her term through December 2027.
 - Deb Senn from Campbellsport was nominated. Ryan Stommel moved to cast a unanimous ballot and Hannah Stommel seconded. Motion carried.

4-H Educator's Report

- Enrollment
 - Current enrollment: 309 youth, 58 adult volunteers
 - Several enrolled adults are missing trainings
 - Youth must be enrolled by February 1, 2026 in order to show at the fair
- Officer Training
 - Saturday, November 8th

- 9 youth are currently enrolled
- Hannah Stommel will be leading a pipe cleaner workshop from 1:00pm-2:45pm prior to Officer Training on 11/8/25. Cost is \$5 and registration can be submitted in 4-H Online.
- New Family Orientation
 - Will be held at the Fond du Lac County Campus (the former UW Extension)
 - Date TBD
- Fall Kickoff
 - 35 youth and adults attended
 - Mini project stations were popular. There was also a scavenger hunt.
- Charter applications were due November 1st, 2025
 - Confirmation of bylaw review (or updates) need to be sent to Tracy
- The UW Extension office has officially moved to the Fond du Lac City/County Government Building, but it isn't open to the public yet
- Certificates of Insurance
 - The Adult Leaders Association has purchased insurance for county events as UW-Madison Risk Management will no longer provide COIs for clubs or groups.
 - Clubs may now sign contracts independently.
 - Individuals will still be covered if acting in their volunteer roles.
- Family Learning Day
 - Will be held Saturday, February 28th
 - Venue TBD
- Science Expedition
 - 33 youth attended
 - Will likely be offered in the future

4-H Leaders Training

- Required to be completed by new leaders by December 1st in 4-H online
- Tracy will show the training after the meeting for those who haven't completed this yet or don't have computer access

Fall Achievement Banquet

- Approximately 120 individuals attended
- Received positive feedback on the venue (Holy Family Catholic Church)
 - Suggested having clearer direction as some people inadvertently entered the active church service
 - Venue is more expensive than the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds (just under \$400 vs. \$90 for the day) and we have less time to set up the space in advance, but it doesn't need to be booked as far in advance.
- Moving forward we will continue to have the banquet in a potluck format to keep costs down and encourage higher attendance. The goal is to keep the total cost under \$1,000.

Family Learning Day

- Presenters are needed

- Submit a simple plan for a 45 or 60 minute session by December 1st

Committee Updates

- Raffle
 - Ann Kaiser would like to step down from the committee. If interested, additional information on what this role entails is available on the UW Extension website.
 - Income was \$4,820 and expenses were \$300 for this last year
- Food Stand
 - Jennifer Ladwig will likely be stepping back from heading up this committee.

State 4-H Hall of Fame

- Two nominations have been submitted from Fond du Lac County

Adjourn: 7:38pm, Noah Holzman moved, Deb Senn seconded

Materials for the Friends of 4-H mailing campaign were assembled before and after the meeting.

Next General Meeting: date and location TBD