

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
October 24, 2016

7:00 pm:

Meeting called to order by President Kim Klair.

Secretary's report was given, amended, and approved.

Our Treasurer reported we currently have \$457.35 in our checking account and \$7,552.49 in our savings account.

Special Guest:

Ernie Lopez was our guest speaker. The annual 4-H Leader's Forum is scheduled for Saturday February 4th in Kent County. He led a brainstorming session on possible topics for workshops for this event: Suggestions given by our leaders for meaningful/useful workshops were:

- Judging Box Trainings to support increased participation in the 4-H Judging Contests
- Help with the 8-10-year-old/young 4-Hers
- How to Effectively Navigate the 4-H Online site
- State Fair Updates
- Virtual Trainings in a variety of Project areas
- Make and Takes (always a pleaser)
- Help with Getting and KEEPING Older Teens involved
- Engaging Rising Middle School Students on How 4-H Can Benefit Their HS Requirements
- Thoroughly explain the Diamond Clover Award process and how to make it meaningful to HS 4-Hers

Agent's Report:

1. Betsy Morris is the new NCC 4-H Agent. She will begin in November.
2. We will be collecting items for Stockings for Soldiers. Clubs may drop off items at the NCC 4-H office by November 18.
3. If any leaders were missing pins for their 4-Hers in their 4-H Achievement night bag, the pins are now available in the NCC 4-H office.
4. Please complete the 4-H Judging survey, which was requested via email this week.
5. There will be ATV Safety training in Dover next to the Paradee building on October 29 for ages 11-15. See the 4-H office for more information.

Old Business:

1. The DE 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame was held on October 1. Twenty-one Delaware Laureates were honored. The event was well attended and all were thankful for and humbled by those honored as well as those who made

- nominations. It is not too early to be considering nominations for the 2018 Hall of Fame.
2. Science Saturday, "Build It, Don't Break It!" was held on October 1st. This event was well attended and very successful.
 3. The 4-H Window Display Contest winners for 2016 were: 1st place: Trails and Tails, 2nd place: Summit Bridge, 3rd place: Clover Quest. 4-H Banner Contest winners were: 1st place: Porter Gang, 2nd Place: Carly McCulsky, 3rd place: Environmental Club. All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place displays and banners are eligible to exhibit at the DSF.
 4. Suggestions were generated for the 2017 4-H Week:
 - Have Clubs and/or 4-H Jr. Council make 4-H Grows Here yard signs
 - Leaders Association will fund needed supplies and materials
 - Prepare these yard signs at our May Leaders meeting so they are ready to be displayed at the beginning of the Fall back to school season
 - Get info into the schools regarding 4-H club opportunities in their communities.
 5. There was no report regarding the Paper Clover campaign through Tractor Supply
 6. Forty-four people attended the Links Bowling event. All had a great time. \$230 was raised for the Ronald MacDonald House.
 7. The annual Livestock Expo was smaller in participants this year but NCC 4-Hers did well.
 8. The NCC Achievement Banquet was wonderful. Many more afterschool 4-Hers attended than in previous years. More deserved attention was given to the State Winners and the overall feel of the event was one of celebration.

New Business:

1. Please complete the 4-H Judging Survey by October 28. Check the news blog for details.
2. The next Science Saturday will be on November 5 at Fischer Greenhouse from 9am-12pm. "Chick – It – Out" is the theme.
3. There will be a NCC 4-H Links meeting on November 15 at the NCC 4-H Extension office. It will begin at 7:00pm.
4. The Camp Counselor club meeting will be on November 21 at the NCC 4-H Office beginning at 7:00pm.
5. The NCC 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held at the Brandywine Public Library on November 22 beginning at 6:00pm. Please encourage your 4-Hers to participate.
6. The NCC 4-H Extension office will be closed on November 24-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
7. Autumn Starcher is leaving NCC 4-H to become a 4-H agent in West Virginia. All thanked her for her service to NCC 4-H and wish her well in her new endeavor.

Sharing:

1. Jared shared ideas for getting NCC 4-H exposed through the Chad's Ford Pumpkin Carving Contest. This is a non-profit event. This idea will be shared with clubs for the 2017 event.
2. Brenda shared about Hayrides available at the Cook's Farm off Fraiser Road. It costs only \$5.00 a head. Weeknight times are available.
3. The 2017 Jr. Duck Stamp Program begins on November 6. Let Autumn know if any member is interested.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting - Jared

Second by Richard Melson

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Next meeting will be November 28, 2016 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey

Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association