

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
February 22, 2016

7:00 pm:

Meeting called to order by President Kim Klair.

Secretary's report was given and approved.

Treasurer's report indicated we currently have \$2882.97 in our checking account and \$4551.09 in our savings account.

Agent's Report:

1. The State Leaders Forum was held on Saturday February 6, 2016. NCC Leaders were well represented. We are honored to have Chris Melson selected as the NCC Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer of the Year and to have Brenda Shaffer selected as the NCC Salute to Excellence Lifetime Achievement 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Brenda has also been selected as the Salute to Excellence Lifetime Achievement 4-H Volunteer of the Year for the State and is awaiting word as to the national selection. All warmly applauded these two fine leaders.
2. There is a 4-H Programming Assistant position available for applications. This is a part time position (20hours/week) that entails general support to NCC 4-H programming. It will consist of mostly organizational and clerical office work, with little if any weekend or nighttime commitments.
3. The deadline for reenrollment through 4-H Online is March 1<sup>st</sup>. A current 4-Her must be enrolled by this date to exhibit/participate in the 2016 DE State Fair and other 4-H events/activities. Lists of club members have been sent to the leaders noting both active and inactive members and volunteers. Mallory further explained the membership lists to the leaders, noting why some names may appear twice. An email will be sent to all highlighted names noted as non-members due to lack of reenrollment. Leaders should review their lists carefully.
4. Mallory reminded everyone of the 2016 Club Audits. Club leaders should have received their audit forms. The audits are due to the NCC office by March 7, 2016, which is a revised date of the previously noted March 1 date. The account/auditor is coming to the state on March 15, 2016. If leaders have any questions just call and ask.
5. There are still open slots for the CWF: Citizenship Washington Focus. Members ages 14-19 are invited to attend the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. The event will be held at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD January 17-21, 2017. This event will be funded through group and individual fundraising efforts. The commitment form is due to the NCC Extension Office by February 29, 2016.

6. There will be a focused effort by the State 4-H office to improve interviewing skills with our Jr. Leaders. Doug Crouse and Ernie Lopez are hosting mock interviews with training on March 7, 21, and April 4. These will most likely be held at the Kent County 4-H Office. More specific information will be forthcoming.

Old Business:

1. The State Leaders Forum was attended by several NCC 4-H Leaders. Leaders reported that the workshops they attended were well done and very applicable to helping with their club work. Mallory stated that the State 4H office is looking to distribute the useful information from each workshop in the near future.
2. The Sewing Club is going well. Their next meeting is on Thursday February 25. They will be using sewing machines. Mallory will see about getting the sewing machines currently in storage serviced for their use as many are currently in need of repair.
3. Favorite Foods was held on Saturday February 20, 2016 at Kirk Middle School. Participation in the event was up slightly from last year. The event ran smoothly. Many were impressed with the Cloverbud Judge, as she was very caring and gave wonderful feedback to the participants. Caryn Pierson won the Links adult contest, which was judged by the 4-Hers. Feedback from the 4-Hers indicated the scorecard was too difficult to understand.

*Suggestion for 2017 Favorite Foods:*

- *Have the 4-Her put his/her coat with their parents as a safety precaution. Often sleeves of jackets get into the dish presentation.*
  - *Have an extra table at the registration desk, as there is not a space for the participant to put down their box and check in.*
  - *Have coffee for the parents*
  - *Have a cupcake decorating or other craft for the participants.*
  - *Encourage more Jr. Leaders to help. Many are needed to help the participants to their table set up.*
4. Cameron Ernst attended the Healthy Living National Youth Summit. A follow-up report from Cameron will be forthcoming.
  5. Winter Workshops have all been going well. The Forensics one was not as well attended as was anticipated. Currently, spaces are still available for the

February 27<sup>th</sup> workshops; *Chopped - Cooking Challenge, CPR Certification, and Upcycling.*

New Business:

6. On February 25 there will be a Meet and Greet with the NCC Links Association. It will be held at Timothy's on the Waterfront beginning at 6pm. All leaders are encouraged to spread the word to those they know to be Links.
7. The NCC 4-H Exchange group is hosting an event at Launch in Newark on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 8pm. All leaders are asked to spread the word to their club members. The NCC 4-H Exchange group will receive 25% of all the proceeds for that time frame.
8. The DE 4-H Foundation will be holding its bi-annual DE 4-H Hall of Fame event on Saturday October 1, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Nominations for the Class of 2016 Laureates are now being accepted.
9. There will be State Record Book Training at the NCC Extension office on March 3, 7 p.m.
10. Jr. Leader Weekend will be held March 5-6 at the Delaware State Fair Barracks in Harrington, DE. Members 13 and older are invited to participate.
11. March 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Horse Bowl Contest at Lake Forest High.
12. DE Livestock Expo Dinner is March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Harrington Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall. Tickets are still available.
13. On March 24<sup>th</sup> the first Demonstration Contest will be held at the NCC Extension Office beginning at 6:00pm.
14. On April 1<sup>st</sup> the DE State Fair online entries opens. All entries must be made online by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
15. Shooting Sports Training will be on April 2-3 in Hurlock, MD. This training is for adults.

Leader reports:

16. Brenda Shaffer offered information on two great club presentations.
  - First, the DE Museum of Natural History will do a hands-on presentation at your club meeting for \$6/child and a \$30 travel fee. Her club loved it and it is highly recommended.

- Secondly. The DE Canine Police unit will come to your club with an awesome K-9 presentation. No cost at all.

17. Ag Day registration for our food booth is being completed. Same fare will be offered as before. We will allow the NCC 4-H Exchange group to sell pretzels at our booth as a fundraiser.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting - Patty Leach

Second by Chris Melson

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey

Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association