

Leader's Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2017

Kim called meeting to order. We said pledges. No secretary's report. Treasurer reported that we have \$409.35 in checking and \$7553.06 in savings.

Betsy started us off with the Skittles Game for an ice breaker. Her updates included the new secretary in the State Office is Melissa McDerby, and we should save the date for YAP Nov. 10-12 in Rehoboth Beach. Then we discussed the Favorite Foods contest. There were 35 contestants. Betsy thanked Kim, Maureen, Karen and Ashley for participating in the Links Adult contest. We then discussed the newsletter survey and the problems that we are having with the present form online. There are still spots in the Winter Workshops. Please talk them up to your clubs. If you have old 4-H t-shirts bring them in for the coaster project. All craft projects planned can be entered in the State Fair. Club audits are due March 1st. Updated event calendars are available with Junior Leader Weekend march 3-5 at Cape Henlopen. The Exchange trip Spaghetti Dinner will be March 18th at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Townsend. The Younger Member Weekend is scheduled for June 3 and 4th at Ashland Nature Center. We discussed the Fashion Review and whether we have enough kids for a contest. We have been notified that Ag Day registration starts mid-February and the event is April 29th. Newark and Animal Science Day Camps are scheduled for summer. Please remind kids to apply for scholarships. They are due Feb. 3, no later, for committee review.

Maureen told us about 2 Science Kits available to use with our clubs.

Under Old Business, Brenda said that her club member enjoyed the 4-H Interview Workshop and that 25 kids were involved. Ann Blackmore's club participated in the State Hippology Contest. There were 20 kids that attended the Bio Tech and Forensics Science Saturday. It was fun and interesting. 10 kids attended the Winter Fun Day and all have something for the State Fair. Patrick (?) attended the Citizen Washington Focus for the Inauguration. He enjoyed it but there was a lot of just standing waiting. Photography Contest and Judging had very few participants.

Under New Business, State Teen Conference is this weekend and Betsy reminded us that the Leader's pay \$50 for each NCC 4-her attending. Nobody is attending the upcoming Agri-Science Summit. There is still time to sign up for the Leader's Forum. Please encourage 4-Hers to sign up for the Horse Bowl, and Winter Workshops soon. Workshops are 2/11 – Animal Judging Made Easy 9-12, Cupcake Wars 1-3; 2/18 – Jr. Duck Stamp 9-12, Photography/Videography 1-4, Crafts 1-4. We have some teenagers going to the Healthy Living Summit on Feb. 17-20.

We also discussed judging contests. Don't forget about the Links Meet and Greet at Timothy's at the Riverfront from 6-8:30 pm. Make note that the Leader's Meeting is February 20th.

Submitted by Sarah Berninger