

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
August 28, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Kim Klair at 7:03 pm:

Secretary report was reviewed online and approved. The minutes of each of our meetings will be on the NCC 4-H site. All are encouraged to read the previous meeting notes prior to our monthly meetings.

Our treasurer, Karen Gouge, shared the treasurer's report. We currently have \$7318.78 in our savings account and \$563.38 in our checking.

We welcomed a new leader who were attending our meeting Debbie Kearns, she is starting a new afterschool 4-H Club with the Networks program of Christina School District. We also welcomed Bob Willoughby, parent of a 4-Her, as a guest.

Old Business:

1. The 2017 State 4-H Environmental Camp was great success. Although it had its rainy moments, the twenty-four youngsters who attended had a wonderful experience. Plans are already underway for the 2018 State Environmental Camp, which will be held again at Mallard Lodge.
2. The 2017 State 4-H Camp went well. Both weeks were full and had waiting lists. The leadership-focused activities were well received.
3. The NCC 4-H Exchange trip with Montana was wonderful! The host state did a fantastic job of planning and executing the events, which included travel through beautiful landscape, visiting a Yak farm and white water rafting. The chaperones report exemplary behavior by all our NCC 4-Hers. Plans are beginning now for our host year in the summer of 2018.
4. The leaders reviewed the recent completion of the 2017 Delaware State Fair. There have been some issues with the processing of the premiums by the DSF office. Inquiries should be made directly to the DSF office. Leaders all agreed the process to open the 4-H building exhibits went very smoothly this year. Several ideas for better displays were given to Betsy to discuss at their upcoming staff meeting.
5. The NCC Day Camps were held, with the most popular one being the Animal Science Camp. Sarah Berninger reported a good group of CITs was trained. Thanks were given to Sarah for leading this training. Suggestions were made to plan a STEM camp in 2018. This will be taken under consideration.

New Business:

6. County 4-H Record Books are due to the county 4-H office by September 25, 2017. Check your September newsletter/blog for further details. An online form (PDF) is available. **Make sure the 4-H leader signs each record book submitted!**
7. End of Year forms regarding each 4-H Club are due to the 4-H office by September 25. Also, any Diamond Clover reports are due. See the NCC office for more details regarding the Diamond Clover reports.

8. A draft of the Charter Seal requirements was presented for review. Suggestions were made. These requirements will go into effect in 2018.
9. The draft Calendar of Events for the 2017-2018 NCC 4-H year was presented and reviewed. Notes of change are the Public Speaking Contest has been moved to January. Also, there are 2 public outreach events to promote NCC 4-H this year: Newark Community Days on September 17 and the Blackbird Community Festival on October 21. Volunteers are needed for both events. Snow dates for Favorite Foods and Public Speaking are included in our calendar.
 - a. Motion made to approve the 2017-18 calendar: Sarah Berninger
Seconded: Karen Gouge
Motion approved.
10. The 2017-18 budget of the NCC 4-H Leaders Association was presented.
 - a. Motion made to amend the budget by increasing the Teen Conference/YAP to \$1000: Sarah Berninger
Seconded: Karen Gouge.
Motion approved.
 - b. Motion made to approve the overall 2017-2018 NCC4-H Leaders Association budget as amended: Sarah Berninger
Seconded: Jenny Trumfio
Motion approved.
11. As part of the 4th H for Health Challenge, all our monthly leader meetings will be healthy. Clubs are encouraged to do this as well.
12. There will be training for Leaders at the Paradee Center on September 23.
13. The 2017 NCC 4-H Achievement Event will be held at the NCC 4-H office on Sunday October 29 at 2:00pm. The following leaders volunteered to be on the planning committee for the event along with 2 Jr. Council members:
 - a. Brenda Shaffer
 - b. Janice Melson

This event will include a Pumpkin Decorating Contest.
Requests for Funds from the Delaware 4-H Foundation are due October 1.
The form for the requests is available on the Resource for Leaders link on the State 4-H website. Completed forms must be emailed to **de4h@udel.edu**.
14. The 2017 Youth and Adult Partnerships Healthy Living Conference will be held November 10-12 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Registrations are due by October 1. We are seeking corporate sponsorships to help offset costs.

Agent's Report

15. Betsy is asking for ideas for fund raising for the NCC 4-H. The leaders discussed a variety of ideas such as a dinner/fundraiser with silent auction. More thoughts will be shared at the future meetings.
16. Maureen Ernst shared a booklet of local community service opportunities.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting: Jennie Trumfio
Seconded: Richard Melson
Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Next meeting will be Monday September 25, 2017 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey

Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association