

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
September 25, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Kim Klair at 7:00pm:

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.

Agent Update:

- We are all saddened by the news that Betsy Morris's father passed away suddenly. Condolences were given and a card sent.
- Newark Community Day was well attended and spurred much interest from the community.
- The recently held leader training went well. Several of our leaders attended.
- NETWORKS is moving forward with the creation of their club. Approval has been given. This club will be led by Debbie Kearns.
- The 4-H Volunteer Policy is on the State 4-H website. Any adult who interacts with 4-Hers MUST be screened by the U of D. This includes those only transporting 4-Hers to and from events and meetings. Never should a 4-Her be left alone with one adult-screened or not.
- Bank accounts: all 4-H Clubs are part of the 4-H Association and should use the EIN # to be classified as a non-profit organization. Any funds in an account from a dissolved club must be donated to 4-H and not distributed to the leaders or members. Keep clear records of funds in and out and keep receipts. If a club has no bank account, just note this on the audit form.
- All financials should be clear to all members and their parents/guardians. By laws should be clear as to fundraising and spending of funds raised.
- YAP Conference: registrations are now open. Please consider registering. If you register now, you can pick your workshop choice.
- NCC Achievement Awards event will be on October 29, at 2:00pm. It will be held at the NCC 4-H Office. The theme is "Harvest the Rewards of 4-H". Clubs may donate cookies for the refreshments.
- Reenrollment MUST happen by December 15th-if not before. This must happen in order to be considered an active 4-Her and eligible for camp attendance.
- Jr. Fair Board applications are now available. This position is open to all aged 16-21.
- The leader packets must be returned to the NCC 4-H Office ASAP! This information is needed to prepare for the Achievement Awards event.
- State Camp 2018 dates are set: First week – June 11-16, Second week – June 18-23 both weeks at Camp Barnes; and Environmental Camp July 5,6,7 at Mallard Lodge.

Old Business:

1. Window Displays, 4-H Banner entries are due September 15. They must be in place by October 2 to be judged.
2. Record books are due to the NCC 4-H office tonight. Will accept them tomorrow. **Make sure the 4-H leader signs each record book submitted!**
3. Please register for the YAP conference this week.
4. End of Year forms regarding each 4-H Club are due to the 4-H office by today, September 25. Also, any Diamond Clover reports are due. See the NCC office for more details regarding the Diamond Clover reports.

New Business:

5. National 4-H week is October 2-7. This is why the window displays/banners must be in place by October 2.
6. October 4-15 is the Tractor Supply Paper Clover drive. Funds will go to Camping and Leadership activities.
7. October 13-15 is the DE Livestock Expo on the Harrington Fairgrounds. This is a breed show.
8. October 16 is the Bellevue Community Center Club information night from 6:30-7:30. There is a new club being formed with a focus on Horticulture. Kaitlin will be at this event and is seeking help from another leader. Sarah Berninger volunteered.
9. October 21 will be the Blackbird Community Festival from 10:00am to 4:00 pm. To promote 4-H, the archery program will be highlighted. Clubs are encouraged to come and help promote 4-H. The location is on Blackbird Landing Road.
10. October 14, 21 and 28 there will be Scarecrow Making at Walther Farm from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Cost is \$5.00. Donations for clothes for the scarecrow are welcomed.
11. Please make every effort to attend the Achievement Awards event on October 29. We have much to celebrate this 4-H year here in NCC!

Sharing:

- Porter Gang, Flock of Friends and Summit Bridge Clubs are planning a hayride/bonfire at the Cook farm.
- Ann Blackmore shared that Fort Delaware in the summer is a great field trip for your 4-H Club.
- Stump Corner had a Petting Zoo at the recent Townsend Town Fair. It was well received and a great way to promote 4-H.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting: Ann Blackmore

Seconded: Jenny Trunfio

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Next meeting will be Monday October 23, 2017 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey, Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association

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