

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association  
October 23, 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.

The treasurer's report was not available. We estimate there was no change from last month, which indicated \$7318.78 in our savings account and \$563.38 in our checking.

Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Ernie Lopez, State 4-H Volunteer Coordinator

- Ernie Lopez, the State 4-H Volunteer Coordinator reviewed the success of the recent new leader trainings.
- The annual State Leader's Forum will be held in New Castle County on February 3, 2018. He will need volunteers to help plan and execute this annual event.
- The EForum, which replaced the NERVLf, is taking place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kent County 4-H office. December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the next one. This format has not had the interest nor participation level of that of the previous NERVLfs. Future plans may include a smaller regional live conference of which Delaware will take the lead, building off the success of our 2010 event. More information will be forthcoming.
- Please let Ernie know of anything that he or Doug can do to help support the leaders in your county

Agent Update:

- Foods and Nutrition, Horticulture, and Photography Judging training kits are now available to clubs to borrow from the NCC 4-H office. Please use them and return in a timely manner for others to utilize.
- The NCC 4-H Jr. Council is planning a Holiday Workshop for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be sent soon.
- The NCC 4-H agents are looking for Winter Workshop ideas. They have acquired several sets of virtual headsets which are quite fun but we need to build a Winter Workshop around them. Anyone interested please let them know.
- JoAnne Fabrics is conducting a 4-H Paper Clover Drive (similar to Tractor Supply) in February 2018.
- The YAP Conference is all set to go in November. Twelve NCC 4-Hers and 2 Leaders are registered at this time. You may still register for the Saturday only sessions.
- The "Harvest the Awards of 4-H" event will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday October 29 at the NCC 4-H office. Please plan to come and encourage your club members to attend. Donations of cookies for refreshments are welcomed.

- The Bellevue area of north Wilmington is starting a club as well as a club being formed at Holy Angels. The Bellevue Club will focus primarily on horticulture and the Holy Angels will be a more traditional club.
- 4-H Clubs are encouraged to Adopt-a-Family this Christmas. The 4-H Office will have the Mitten/Hat/Socks tree in the lobby as we have in the past.

#### Old Business:

1. Several clubs participated in the 4-H Window Display Contests. Winners will be announced at the NCC 4-H Achievement event on Sunday October 29.
2. The Delaware Livestock Expo was a success. The number of animals registered was up from previous years mainly due to the additional classes for beef cattle. NCC 4-H was well represented.
3. The Bellevue Community Night was a success. The newly forming club, which will focus on horticulture, has a strong set of leaders. Sarah Berninger is offering her experience with club leadership to this new club.
4. The Blackbird Community Festival went well. Many youth (about 100) participated in the archery activity that was presented. Thoughts of forming an archery club in that area are being discussed.

#### New Business:

5. October 28<sup>th</sup> will be the last chance to Make a Scarecrow at the Walther Farm from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The previous Saturdays have been quite successful.
6. The "Harvest the Awards of 4-H" event will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday October 29 at the NCC 4-H office. Please plan to come and encourage your club members to attend. Donations of cookies for refreshments are welcomed.
7. November 2-4 will be the Maker Summit in Washington, DC.
8. As mentioned before, the next New Leader Training session will be held on Saturday November 4 at the Kent County 4-H office.
9. The YAP Conference is all set to go in November. Twelve NCC 4-Hers and 2 Leaders are registered at this time. You may still register for the Saturday only sessions.
10. All agents will be attending the NAE Conference in Indianapolis, IA from November 13-17. There will be no agents in the office for these dates.
11. The next meeting of the NCC 4-H Order of the Links will be on Tuesday November 14 at 7:00pm.
12. The NCC 4-H Order of the Links will sponsor a bowling event on Friday October 27 at Prices Corner Shopping Center. Cost is \$5.00 and a canned food item for the food bank. The money collected will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington.
13. The National 4-H Congress will be held from November 24-29 in Atlanta, GA. There are eight Delaware 4-Hers attending.

#### Sharing:

- Many leaders shared community service ideas with the approaching holiday season.

- Summit Bridge elected a Healthy Living Officer as part of their slate of officers. This position will be to promote healthy living decisions at club events.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting: Jenny Trunfio

Seconded: Richard Melson

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Next meeting will be Monday November 27, 2017 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey

Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association