

New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
February 25, 2019

President Kim Klair called the February meeting to order at 7:0pm. All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The Secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was not available. It was noted the Newark Day Camp Scholarships were awarded as well as the funding support for the State Teen Conference. These funds are line items in our yearly budget.

A motion was made to accept the reports as presented:

Motion: Sarah Berninger

Seconded: Richard Melson

Motion passed

Agent Update:

- The leaders are sending a card to our former NCC 4-H agent who is recovering from a horse riding accident.
- Ag Day 2019 information is available. We are encouraging all clubs to participate and focus on a project area. The NCC 4-H office will have 4-H project books available for display. Brenda will register the NCC 4-H Leaders Association for our food booth.
- Master Gardeners/Jr. Gardeners program guides are available. This group is willing to come present a program to your club if you contact them.
- Grants are available from the Brandywine Quilters up to \$1,000 to quilt and sew. Contact the 4-H office for more information.
- Younger Member Overnighter will be held at Ashland Nature Center on March 30. Details of the Jr. Leader Weekend will be finalized soon.
- The mobile 4-H backdrop for photo settings is available for any of your 4-H events.
- Youth in Action award submissions are needed. See the details in the March Newsletter. Be thinking of possible applicants.
- Sussex County is purchasing a new Chris Clover costume that the other counties are welcome to borrow.
- The Computer Science Pathways Grant from Google will be held in Utah March 7-10. NCC 4-Her, Hunter Willoughby and Cole Simpson are attending as well as Jenny Trunfio as a chaperone.
- The U of D Collegiate 4-H Club is restarting on March 4th. More details of the possible support they will offer NCC 4-H is forthcoming.
- There is need for volunteer leader support on the following dates for 4-H sponsored events: March 21 – STEM night at Del Tech; April 13 and May 4 – Embryology.
- The 2019 Delaware State Fair theme is “Our Centennial Celebration”. There will be no coupon books this year. Online registration for entries begins on April 1 through 11:59 June 1.

- State 4-H Camp registration will open on March 1 and close on April 1. It is open to all enrolled 4-Hers ages 9 years and up, as of January 1, 2019.
- Camp Scholarships (state and day) have been awarded and the notification letters have been sent to the recipients. All who applied were awarded at least a partial award.
- State 4-H Camp clean up day will be on Saturday April 13. More information will follow.
- In April, 4-Hers across the nation will participate as **True Leaders in Service** in multiple community service projects, culminating in a **National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday April 27, 2019.**
- The first county Demonstration Contest date is March 21 at the 4-H office. More sessions will be arranged as needed.
- Delaware Legislative Day will be on May 8th.
- The NCC 4-H Livestock Show will be on Saturday June 8. Please consider helping in the Links food booth, as this is their only fundraiser for the generous scholarships and events they provide to our NCC 4-Hers.
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leader Institute will be held at Texas A&M University August 6-10.
- There will be a Community Service Challenge among the 3 Delaware 4-H Counties in March and April. Clubs are to collect canned goods and bring them to the NCC 4-H office.
- There is a NCC 4-H Fishing Club being organized. Look in the newsletter for more details.
- Judging training kits are still available for clubs to borrow in the following project areas: Photography, Horticulture, Clothing, Woodworking, and Wildlife.
- State Record Books are due to the NCC 4-H office by May 1. Training will be done on an individual basis. Contact the NCC 4-H office if you have a 4-Her who may be considering submitting a record Betsy and Kaitlin are ready to help. Please encourage your 4-Hers to participate.
- National 4-H is again conducting a Raise Your Hand marketing campaign for 4-H April 1 – May 15. Look for this in our area media outlets.

Old Business:

1. The State 4-H Leaders Forum was a success. Maureen and Brenda reported on the new format of three classes then the lunch/program. The leaders reported that the workshops they attended were well received. Discussion of the need to have some new program offerings as it is getting a bit stale for seasoned leaders. Several ideas were offered and will be shared with the state forum leaders.
2. The State Teen Conference was well attended and well received. The workshops offered were enjoyed by the teens and many ideas that can be used with their clubs were shared.

3. The Links recently held a Meet and Greet at Dead President's in Wilmington. The food and venue were great. Look for this to be held in a warmer weather month at the home of one of the Link members next year.
4. The Winter Workshops have been great. Many of the workshops generated possible 4-H exhibits for the State Fair.
5. The National 4-H Healthy Living Summit was recently held in Washington, DC. 4-Hers from 35 states and several other countries attended this summit. The project the Delaware teens proposed was "Stop the Vape".

New Business:

6. March 1 is the opening of State 4-H Camp registration. First week will be held June 10-15th, second week June 17th – 22. State Environmental Camp will be held July 5-7 at Ashland Nature Center.
7. March 1 is the re-enrollment deadline. A 4-Her MUST be enrolled to participate in any county or state event. Club audits are due.
8. March 9 will be the Horse Bowl competition to be held at Lake Forest High School. It is also the date of the Expo Livestock Dinner Fundraiser. It will be held at the Felton Fire Hall.
9. March 21 will be the first opportunity for the NCC Demonstration Contest. It will be held at the NCC 4-H Office. All leaders are encouraged to have their 4-Hers participate in this event. The next opportunity will be in May.
10. The NCC Exchange Group will hold their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday March 23 at Immanuel UMC in Townsend, DE.
11. Younger Member Overnighter will be held at Ashland Nature Center on March 30. Details of the Jr. Leader Weekend will be finalized soon.
12. There will be a Statewide Marine Science Workshop at the U of D campus in Lewes, Delaware on March 30. Registration is required.
13. There will be a Statewide Archery event on March 30. See the newsletter for more details.
14. Registration for Newark Day Camp 2019 is now open.

Sharing:

- Jenny Trunfio from Stump Corner shared her club will be packing meals on March 9 as part of the Rise Against Hunger. The event is held at St. Andrews school in Middletown, DE. If interested, Betsy will send out the information to you.
- Mount Cuba Observatory has many activities that are great for clubs to do. Info can be found at www.mountcuba.org.

Adjournment

- o Motion made to adjourn the meeting: Richard Melson
- o Seconded: Robin Hunter

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Next meeting will be Monday March 26th at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey

Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association

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