

Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Amy Gerhardt, Jennie Whitmire, Teri Raatz, John Brost, Nicolas Stiemann, Ella Raatz, Jarrett Rueth, Jacob Kopp, Michael Rusin, Joan Buchholz, and Susan Stiemann

Board Members Absent: Courtney Schoessow, Breanna Rowe, and Max Jacques

Visitors Present: Nikki Rueth, Dani Kopp, Cindy Kolzow, and Joe Stiemann

Jennie Whitmire called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present noted by secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was presented by Joan Buchholz. The ending balance as of 1/10/21 was \$39,489.26 for the Leaders Federation and \$13,243.31 for the self-supporting project areas (shooting sports, dog, horse, older youth group, and rabbits). Plat book sales from October to present have totaled \$27,485.32. This includes sales of 2016 and 2020 books. Businesses have been paying upfront for boxes of plat books.

Old Business:

- Jennie Whitmire raised the question as to how club meetings are going using Zoom. She reported that Reseburg Ramblers has had two meetings. Amy Gerhardt reported that Neillsville Lights has had three. Nikki Rueth stated that Loyal Lads & Lassies just had a recent, short Zoom meeting to discuss upcoming community service events. General consensus is that Zoom meetings can have their difficulties with sound and other technical issues, but that overall, they are working for the clubs using the technology.
- Michael reported that all Clark County clubs had representatives attending the mandatory annual leaders training meetings. Teri Raatz commented that the training meeting on conducting the business portion of the meeting downplayed the importance of following parliamentary procedure which can be an important life skill for youth to learn.
- Jennie stated that the board was not contacted by any leaders expressing an interest in serving on the Leaders Federation. Cindy Kolzow commented that we may just have to "limp" through this year with the current board until the Covid-19 restrictions can be lifted.

New Business:

- Cindy Kolzow encouraged 4-H leaders to attend the upcoming annual fair board meeting on January 18. The dates for the 2021 county fair will be discussed. Three board positions are up for election. Cindy also noted that the board will need support in planning for a modified fair this year.
- Michael Rusin suggested that the board look into trying to do a modified Discovery Day this year using at home kits. A Zoom planning meeting will be scheduled for January 25, 6:30 p.m. Board members encouraged to contact by phone leaders that might be able to put together a bagged craft idea or other project educational video/material.
- Michael reported that we will continue under current Covid-19 restrictions through March. The state plans to update restrictions at that time.
- There are several Youth Mental Health Training sessions available virtually, but they are filling quickly. Contact Michael for more information if interested.
- There is a VIP training session scheduled for February 7, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
- A state wide virtual game night is scheduled for January 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This is a free event, but participants must pre-register.

Meeting concluded at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Stiemann, Secretary