

Clark County Leaders Federation Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.
ADS Greenwood

Board Members Present: John Brost, Teri Raatz, Ella Raatz, Nicolas Stiemann, Lori Hendrickson, Marie Jorgensen, Dani Kopp, Jacob Kopp, Joan Buchholz, Liz Rueth, Jarrett Rueth, Nikki Rueth, Michael Rusin

Board Members Absent: None

Visitors: None

John Brost called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were recited.

Secretary's Report:

- The October 12, 2021, meeting minutes were reviewed by Nicolas Stiemann. Teri Raatz moved to approve. Seconded by Lori Hendrickson and carried.

New board members Liz Rueth, Lori Hendrickson, Nikki Rueth and Dani Kopp (Adult) and Marie Jorgensen (Youth) were introduced. Returning members then introduced themselves to Liz and Marie.

Treasurer's Report:

- Joan Buchholz presented the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of 11/21/21 was \$51,424.48 for the Leaders Federation and \$13,258.31 for the self-supporting project areas (shooting sports, dog, horse, older youth group and rabbits). Nikki Rueth moved to accept the report. Seconded by Dani Kopp and carried. This was Joan Buchholz last report, she will remain a Leader at Large.

Officer Elections:

- **President: Teri Raatz** Nicholas Stiemann moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Teri Raatz as President.
- **Vice President: Nikki Rueth** Nicholas Stiemann moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nikki Rueth as Vice President.
- **Treasurer: Lori Hendrickson** Nicholas Stiemann moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lori Hendrickson as treasurer.
- **Secretary: Dani Kopp** Lori Hendrickson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dani Kopp as Secretary.

Old Business:

- Report and discussion of the 2021 4-H Awards Banquet were discussed. The main discussion point was to have the Leaders Federation voting ballots revised to state that adults and youth may vote for both adult and youth leaders, not just adults electing adults and youth electing youth. This was previously discussed and will be changed for the 2022 banquet.
- Michael is still working on reaching out to the youth that had a tied vote for the Youth Leadership positions and will have an update for the board soon. One of the 3 youth denied the position, leaving 2 youth to reach.
- Drama Festival and volleyball locations and dates were addressed. Drama Festival will be held in Thorp on Saturday March 5, 2022, at the Thorp school. Volleyball is still in discussion and once a date and time are confirmed, clubs will be advised.

- Bowling at Rose Bowl Lanes in Marshfield is January 9, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. Cost will be \$11 per person and ½ the cost will be covered by the Leaders Federation. The cost will include 2 hours of bowling, shoes and 2 slices of pizza per Michael Rusin. This event is open to all actively registered 4-H members and adult leaders only at this time. Non-registered 4-H members and families are subject to bowl due to lane availability. If lane availability becomes available, that person is responsible for the full \$11 fee per person, this is not covered by the Leaders Federation. 4 person teams will be allowed, and fees will need to be collected prior to the event. Watch the Cloverleaf for further details and registration deadlines. Nicolas moved to cover ½ the cost of the registered 4-H members and adults.

New Business:

- Michael's last day as the Clark County 4-H Educator is 11/24/21. He was wished well and presented with a Wisconsin themed farewell basket from the Leaders Federation members. At this time, no new 4-H Educator has been hired. Jason will work with the Leaders Federation when more information is available. 4 applicants have turned in applications at the time of this meeting per Michael.
- Michael confirmed that the Leaders Federation meeting times will remain the 4th Monday of the month at ADS in Greenwood at 7 p.m. This will need to be communicated on a yearly basis to reserve the location.
- Projects such as the Discovery Day and Cloverbud Challenge were discussed and at this time, will be held in the Spring 2022 for youth grade 4 and under. Arrangements to find staff, locations, and project areas, will need to be arranged. The date will possibly be April 23, 2022, at the Loyal school. This will need to be confirmed.
- Snow Tubing at Bruce Mound was also discussed. In the past, we have joined up with Trempealeau County in January or February and have rented the entire hill. Per Michael, Trempealeau would like to remove themselves from the event. Discussions of the event with other area counties was discussed and the possibility of another Clark County tubing hill was brought forward. Further discussion on this will need to happen after contacting the other counties.
- Annual Leader Training is due. Michael stated this has been sent out via email and will be in the Cloverleaf as a reminder. One leader from each club will need to attend one of the below meeting dates, which will be held virtually on November 30th and January 31st. Leaders may attend both meetings if they wish, but only one is required.
- Updates on the Winter Leadership Camp at Bever Creek Reserve in January 2022 was discussed. Watch the Cloverleaf for more information on how to register and attend or visit the 4-H online page to register. This is open to youth in grades 6-9 and this will be an overnight event. At this time, Clark County has one youth leader going thru the interview process to become a leader at this event and this is very exciting for the county! Dani Kopp will be the Leader Federation contact person working with Heidi and Andrea. She will bring any leadership information back to the federation from this event per Michael.

Nicolas Stiemann moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ella Raatz. Meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting will be held on December 27th 7:00 ADS Greenwood.

Respectfully submitted,
Dani Kopp, Secretary