

**Clark County Leaders Federation Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23, 2022 / 7:00 p.m. Jr. Leaders / 6:00 p.m.**  
**Loyal City Hall**

Board Members Present: John Brost, Teri Raatz, Nicolas Stiemann, Lori Hendrickson, Dani Kopp, Jacob Kopp, Nikki Rueth, Seth Harrmann, Ella Raatz, Liz Rueth, Jarrett Rueth

Board Members Absent: Marie Jorgensen, Isabella Fleury

Teri Raatz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were recited.

**Secretary's Report:**

The April 11th, 2022, meeting minutes were reviewed by Dani Kopp. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lori Hendrickson presented the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of 4/30/22 was \$43,429.56 for the Leaders Federation and \$14,673.31 for the self-supporting project areas (shooting sports, dog, horse, older youth group and rabbits). Dani Kopp moved to approve the report. Seconded by John Brost and carried.

Lori will also pay the Drama Fest judges for their time. \$50 each x 3 judges.

**Old Business:**

- Discovery Day feedback was given. It was suggested that next year we have preprinted name labels ready at check-in to speed up the check-in process. Lori advised this can be done in Excel prior to the event. Lori reimbursed Matthew Stiemann and Sara Fischer for supplies at their request.
- The scholarship committee awarded 5 senior scholarships in the amount of \$400 each to Robert Wendler, Emily Sternitzky, Emily Wehrman, Lindsey Schultz and Nicolas Stiemann. The 6<sup>th</sup> application was not accepted, as it was not fully completed and submitted until 4-4-22 at 4:05pm, the deadline was 4-1-22. Going forward, announcements will be made sooner. This year there was a deadline extension. Payment to the 5 seniors will be paid after their 1<sup>st</sup> semester is completed and they maintained their suggested GPA and have turned in their transcripts. Lori Hendrickson moved to approve. Seconded by Jarrett Rueth.
- Nicholas and Seth reported on the recent Cake, Foods and Clothing reviews at the Loyal City Hall on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. There were 8 participants this year and all went very well.

**New Business:**

- Seth gave an update of 4-H camp. At this time the shirts have been ordered and the menus planned. Archery instructors have been obtained. We are still looking for daytime adult volunteers. Seth has received 10lbs of butter from Dairy Promotions as a donation for camp and is working with other companies on donations as well. Seth did receive a grant for \$250 from Thrivent. Camp fees will be split 3 ways between the counties. He reported that Eau Claire Co. will handle all money transactions and will reimburse the Leaders Federation 1/3 of the remaining funds.
- Farm Tech Days updates were reviewed by Seth. Youth Leaders met with Seth tonight and are planning Youth Tent activities. Nikki mentioned that Food Stand schedules and duties were changed by FTD staff. Those that have signed up for shifts, please check the online schedules to be sure they have not changed on you.
- The Advanced Space Camp trip to Alabama scholarship winner is Jarrett Rueth. He was the only applicant. He will be awarded half the amount of the trip cost, \$825.00. Dani Kopp moved to approve. Seconded by Jacob Kopp.
- Seth reported the summer kickball tournament will be held on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at the Greenwood Park starting at 9:00 a.m. as planned. The Greenwood Lions will be hosting a food stand. There is no cost to use the park and volunteer referees are needed. Seth reported bag boards will be available during the event as well.
- Budget committee discussed the 2022-2023 budget. This runs July 1-June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be finalized via email with the Leaders Federation, so we may present it at the all Leader's Meeting in July.
- Seth reported the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pietrek Park in Trempealeau Co is this year. He has received email communications from the Melissa Kono, Educator and Joe Pietrek's family asking to have Clark Co Leaders Federation donate to the park for the anniversary. They are suggesting a park bench. The email was shared from Melissa along with a back story of Joe's connection. Joe was the Clark Co 4-H agent for is in the 1970's and was killed in an accident outside of Neillsville on his way to/from work. He was from Trempealeau Co. At this time, the Leaders Federation would like further information about Joe prior to making this donation. Seth will continue to do the research. The family also asked that he be nominated for the 4-H Hall of Fame. Leaders Federation advised Seth that anyone can nominate him for this, and it might be best if those who knew him personally fill out, the nomination. His family may make this request if they choose.

- 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations were discussed. If anyone would like to nominate someone, they need to complete the application process. No suggestions by Leader's Federation.
- Fair updates were discussed. Leaders Federation discussed that fair clean-up day needs better promotion. It was also discussed that this is not solely the 4-H's responsibility and that other youth participation in the fair should be encouraged to come help also. The Fair Board is also responsible for clean-up and finding volunteers as well. Seth will work with Fair Board further on this.
- Seth discussed the Green Thumb Challenge with Leaders Federation. There were errors in the flyer posted to the CloverLeaf. Leaders' federation approved to award any 4-H club that enters the promotion, \$15. FFA Chapters are encouraged to participate in the challenge for 2022, however, will not be awarded the \$15 by Leaders Federation. The Extension office will continue to support the Challenge with prize money to the top 3 planter, 4-H or FFA members, awarding \$75/\$50/\$25. All requirements must be met to receive any of the award money. These planters will be displayed at FTD's also this year. Liz Rueth moved to approve. Lori Hendrickson Seconded.
- District Area Animal Science Days was discussed. Leaders Federation approved to pay entry fees only for youth and chaperones, up to 2 chaperones for every 10 kids. Due to parents being responsible for getting their kids there it is too hard to reimburse for gas so no milage or gas reimbursement. Nikki Rueth moved to approve. Seconded by Liz Rueth.
- Lori reported that we should ask club leaders to ask their members to be conscious to only sign up for what they plan to take to the fair. We are charged \$1 per entry for the online entry process, regardless of if the project is taken to the fair or not. Example, if a member signs up to take 100 projects and only take 25, we still pay for all 100 entries. She understands there are certain circumstances, but to try and be more conscious.

Nicholas Stiemann moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jarrett Rueth. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.  
The next meeting will be held on Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 22 at the Loyal City Hall at 6:30 p.m.