**CLARK COUNTY 4-H LEADER’S FEDERATION**

**ALL LEADERS MEETING**

**September 8, 2025**

**7 PM – ADS, Greenwood**

**DRAFT**

**Attendance:** Lori Hendrickson, Sheri Jacque, Alan Buchholz, Rachel Brost, John Brost, Nikki Rueth, Jillian Rueth, Brittney Lowry, Jacob Raatz, Jarrett Rueth (via phone), Teri Raatz

**Absent:** Zach Magnus, Ella Raatz, Raiden Jacque, Seth Harmann

**Secretary’s Report:** The secretary’s report was read. Rachel approved the minutes; Lori 2nd the motion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Rachel approved the report; John 2nd the motion.

**Educators Report:**

Because Seth was not able to attend the meeting, Alan read through Seth’s notes.

Graduation Ceremony - This was held on Sunday of the fair from 12:00 - 1:00. Two graduates “walked” and about 3-4 people watched. Members agreed this would be worth trying for a few years and hope that turn out grows with each year.

Charters - These are due November 1st.

Policy Updates - See the link: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/

National 4-H Week - Seth would like to do a Goosechase Challenge.

Discovery Day - Many volunteers will be needed.

T-Shirt Competition - Ideas are to be sent to the Extension by October 30th.

Thank Yous - Seth wanted to thank Sierra Bakke, Zach Magnus, and those involved in the fair, Family Fun Days, the Swimming Event, Food Stand and other events.

Seth wanted it known that he showed a beef in the Open Show on Sunday at the fair.

**Unfinished Business:**

Family Fun Days - Rachel reported that the kickball tournament went well. Eight youth and 5 adults participated. They played for 2 hours and had a great time. Keeping the games in Greenwood versus Willard was discussed.

Swim Event - Though it was cold 17 people came to the Thorp Pool. Kids swam while adults tried to stay warm! The Thorp Tourism Committee donated water, soda, chips, and cookies. The Leaders Federation will be sending them a thank you. It is planned to hold this event again next year, possibly earlier in the summer.

Fall Family Fun Day - Jillian is putting this together. It will be at the Penterman Farm/Dutch Dairy on Sunday, September 14th. Punch cards will be available for the participants to use as they go through the corn maze.

Green Thumb Challenge - Several clubs participated.

Record Book Forms - Forms are available on the website. Nikki and Teri questioned the Key Award as there is no link or information about this. Nikki emailed the Extension office a couple weeks ago. Alan will talk to Seth.

Pre-Fair Olympics - Zach and Sierra did a great job putting this together. It seemed like the kids that participated had a good time.

Food Stand - Lori noted that bills are still coming in. Alan reported that it was a struggle to keep shifts full - especially on Sunday afternoon. Discussion continued as to how long the food stand should be open on Sunday. Next year ham and cheese sandwiches will be offered because a pig was donated from the Livestock Sale to the 4-H Food Stand. Members discussed paying Trey for the days he worked when Barb was not available. Rachel made the motion and Lori seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed. It was noted that for those youth asking for reimbursement (state dairy, scholarship winners, experience participants), Alan will sign their slip AFTER their shift is completed to ensure that they work the full shift.

4-H Re-Enrollment - November 1st is the deadline for re-enrollment. Trainings need to be completed by December 1st. New members may enroll any time.

Bills - Lori passed around thank you cards from Aubrey and Juliet who attended American Spirit. She reviewed bills that were paid and bills to be paid. Mileage for driving youth to events was discussed. Mileage has not been paid in the past and will not be paid in the future as this is a volunteer organization. Lori is currently working on doing the annual report.

**New Business:**

Banquet - The 4-H Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8th. Rachel and Lori reserved the Greenwood High School. Rachel will bring the decorations and candy. Set up will begin at 5:45 with the meal at 7:00 and awards at 7:30. It was agreed that we will serve chicken this year. Nikki will look into a caterer for this. The Federation will provide the plates, cups, napkins, and silverware. Sheri noted that there is quite a bit of soda left from the Swim Event. She will bring this and milk will also be available. Those attending will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Teri agreed to work with youth on the program and the youth will be the emcees. Lori made a motion to award Kwik Trip gift cards this year rather than 4-H Mall Bucks. Nikki 2nd the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed.

October Meeting - Record books will be judged at this meeting. It will begin at 6:00 with Lori getting pizza and Sheri bringing the soda. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00.

Fall Forum - This will be held from October 31st to November 3rd at Green Lake. Nikki reported that there will be lots of great sessions for attendees. Registration is open.

Experience/Travel Scholarships - Nikki reported that CWF is being renamed and combined with Ignite. She will be looking into updating our scholarship applications. The issue was tabled for a future meeting when more information is available.

4-H Week - It was agreed that signs should be ordered and available to promote 4-H next year. This will be discussed at the All Leaders meeting in October. The Federation agreed that Extension should share the cost of this.

Discovery Day - Members talked about the second portion of Discovery Day for the older youth noting that many schools already offer financial classes and that they anticipate not many youth signing up for this. Alan will discuss this with Seth.

Hall of Fame - Members discussed a few possible nominees. Nominations are due by November 3rd.

Leaders Federation Open Positions - John, Lori, and Sheri’s positions will be up for voting this year. Sheri has already noted that she will not be returning to the board. There will be at least 4 youth positions open as well. EVERYONE is HIGHLY encouraged to promote these positions to make sure they get filled.

Budget - The budget was discussed. Nikki approved the budget for the next year; Sheri seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Lori will have a copy of the budget available for everyone at the next All Leaders meeting in October.

**Any Other Business**

Roller Skating - Lori offered information about having a Family Fun Day roller skating in Marshfield. She will look into having this event on Sunday, October 12th from 1:30 - 4:30. 4-H members and immediate family costs will be covered; friends will be $5 each. This would be a great opportunity to promote 4-H to other people.

All Leaders Meeting - It was agreed that Extension needs to send out more reminders to Leaders about dates for these meetings to get better attendance. A representative from each club should be there.

Fair Board Meeting - Brittney reminded members that the next Fair Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th at 7:30 at the ADS office. She encouraged everyone to attend. She is asking that any fair book changes be in by November 1st to get an earlier date for printing and distribution of the fair books. Members asked about the “comments/suggestions” made at the fair and if these will be shared with everyone.

Plat Book - There are 9 cases left. A lady reached out to Lori about doing all of the ads and printing for future books. Lori will contact her and ask for a proposal/quote.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13 at Loyal City Hall beginning at 6:00 for record books and 7:00 for the meeting. This is an All Leaders Meeting.

Jillian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20. John seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sheri Jacque