

## Ashland County Leaders Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018 6:30pm/Ashland County Courthouse

**Roll Call:** Doug Liphart, Liz Wabindato, Elissa Riemer, Becky Mika, Jennifer Nortunen, Gina Pearce

**Secretary's Report:** deferred (Oct notes online)

### **Treasurer's Report:**

\*One potential donation coming from Carol Peck

\*Checking account balance is \$9148.65

\*Savings account balance \$112.53

\*CD \$5569.42

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Member Evaluations (MEs)** – Tom Kovach, John Paitl, Heather Schutte volunteered to be the interviewing panel. All members who applied were awarded something for their efforts. Interview committee was impressed with the kids and their efforts.
  - Winter Camp awardees: Adam Sherwood, Viddy Wabindato, Isabella Rasmussen
  - Citizenship Washington Focus: Kieran Nortunen
  - WI 4H & Youth Conference (Madison): Adam Sherwood, Viddy (Olivia) Wabindato, Isabella Rasmussen
  - 4-H Arts Camp: Lahaela Mika
  - Other (WI State Fair): Page Riemer
- 2. 4-H Enrollment & Club Charters** – Charters are falling into place. A reminder to all clubs to encourage your members to get enrolled ASAP.
- 3. 4-H Ambassador Kick-off** – Taylor and Doug worked w/ Alan Brew at Northland to use climbing wall at NC and Sigurd Olson center. 8 ambassadors attend, 3 absent. Enjoyed pizza with business meeting and plan for year along with group initiative/get to know you. (Future: They will discuss how to market Ambassadors via clothing of distinction aka affiliative clothing).
- 4. Achievement Night & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** – NGLVC 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Saturday, Nov 10 (late start as there's bridal shower in there until 5:00). Ambassadors provide main course & host event, Gina P will precook brats and Kieren will pick them up from Gina's before the dinner. Ambassadors to gather at NGLVC at 3:30 pm.

### **New Business:**

- 1. PLO Officer Elections:**
  - a. Vice President** – Liz Wabindato
  - b. Secretary** – Demeri Mullikin
- 2. PLO Meetings:** Will plan to meet either first or second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Jennifer will send out a doodle poll accordingly.

**3. Volunteers for Committees:**

- a. Future of 4-H – Becky Mika, Jennifer Nortunen
  - i. Item – policy on voting via email for the executive committee
- b. County Events – Liz Wabindato, Elissa Riemer, Joe Corbine (need to confirm w/ Joe), Seija Anderson
  - i. New fair event archery at fair
  - ii. New fair event Ag Olympics at fair

**4. Ashland County Fair Idea –**

- a. PLO sponsored archery event Saturday morning – Elissa will help get this going and possible connect with Mitch to help setup ahead of time.
- b. Add this to County Events committee.
- c. Ag Olympics – for fun and silly times with ribbons as prizes, likely held after the archery event on Saturday at the fair, add to County Events agenda.

**5. State Youth Leadership Council –** Adam Sherwood has been accepted. Great representation for our area.

**6. Birkie Foundation Grant –** Were awarded \$1000 grant to buy poles.

**7. Bad River CANSKI Branch –** A request to start a branch in Bad River and Doug has started leg work to get that moving forward including skis. Likely will start next season (2019-2020 season).

**8. Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee work –** Doug working on prevention, bringing research to HHS, \$90,000 alternative youth incarceration prevention specifically during the after school slot 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Some of these monies went to Bad River for Lacrosse sticks. Jake Levings, AMS Principal, is assisting with implementation as well. Related to that a separate \$100,000 grant that will work in tandem with goal being together could actually get some solid programming implemented by the committee.

- a. **SEARCH Institute –** Studied prevention to see why some kids get into trouble and others don't. They identified 40 developmental assets to the kids (internal and external) and the more assets they have the more likely they are to walk a positive, pro-social road in life. One way a kid can build an external asset is via positive health adults in their life like a 4-H leader.
- b. **Suggestion by Jennifer Nortunen –** To dive into these 40 assets as our leader training this year.