

Ashland 4-H County Leaders Association Meeting

Monday, March 11th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM over Zoom

Roll Call: Jeanne Pearce, Elissa Riemer, Gina Pearce, Blake Frost (taking notes), Kate Wallner (taking notes)

Secretary's Report: secretary unable to attend

Treasurer's Report: CB:5168.67, SV:6300.25, CD:5185.61 (Feb. Numbers) (-1000 sum. camp CB, +10,000 MSC)

Old Business

1. Achievement Celebration (Nov. 11, 2023) – Save the date for the next one! November 4th 2024, 4-6PM
2. Elections & Recruitment for LA Roles, then review Bylaws:
 - a. Kate working on messaging to show potential officers that roles can work in their schedule.
 - b. creative way to include the parents, daycare made available during meeting times.
 - c. different levels of involvement based on time availability and needs of group/individuals.
 - d. Kate asks group for testimonials or words of wisdom for recruiting for roles.
3. 4-H Yearbook from Fall 2022-2023 (like an Annual Report) – new due date for content is March 20th
 - a. 4-H Yearbook still being worked on, Kate is adding details, we are making updates together.
 - b. March 20th is the due date for content!
 - c. yearbook will be available by the end of March.
 - d. Blake to send screenshots of Sewing Club pages to Jeanne and club lists to leaders.
4. Fundraisers & Grants: WI 4-H Foundation grant and reaching out to potential donors.
 - a. 4-H Foundation grant did not go through due to policies of building renovation/ownership.
 - b. Kate will re-word grant next year to make it work for our overall county needs.
 - c. We did not get in on the co-op chip up grant, but we will apply next year.
 - d. Market sale is giving back the 10,000 to Leaders Association.
5. Program updates (CANSKI, American Spirit, Teen Court, Ambassadors)
 - a. CANSKI is finishing up for the year with Gear Check-Ins this month.
 - b. American Spirit participants (2 from AshCo) able to fundraise via Super One grocery bagging.
 - c. Teen Court and 4-H Ambassadors revamping in the works with more updates this month.

New Business

1. Spring Art Contest
 - o Materials leftover from last year, Jennifer Nortunen working on Thrivent Grant for more supplies
 - o Theme to be announced this week, due date for artwork is Monday April 29th
 - o Art Celebration on Northland College Campus in mid-May (date TBD, weekday or weekend?)
 - o Winners showcased in Courthouse 1st floor hallway
 - o One theme only, narrowing down list but looking like make your own Stamps! (potato, soap, etc.)
 - o Use whatever nontraditional found object you like to make stamps on a canvas.
 - o Jeanne interested in day camp art project like splatter paint in a cardboard box.
 - o Agreed to move dates earlier to avoid busy May. Art Contest celebration on/around May 3.
 - o Kate & Blake work on clear messaging, fun title, and art instructions to go out by May 15.

2. April and Volunteer Appreciation month

- Kate to focus on local needs and put state work on backburner, provide trainings.
- Training during next LA meeting - Title 9
- All leaders come together for dinner, Ambassadors serve) taco bar or something simple and nice
- Potluck from ambassadors, share the 4-H yearbook (share movie clip/slideshow) KISS
- Social media campaign to highlight Leaders & Clubs? – Blake drafting this plan to highlight volunteer and/or club weekly, twice weekly

3. 4-H Summer Camp

- Ashland County in Mellen (Eagle Ridge) or Bayfield County in Drummond (Crosswoods)?
- Ashland County = mid-June, Bayfield County = late June/early July
- 50 maximum at Ashland County, could make fee less expensive (BayCo is 80 and 110)
- The location is familiar to Leaders as it is the same as a previous 4-H Camp but with new name
- Kate to share final numbers of camp cost with Elissa to fully commit or not.
- Combined camp ranged \$1000-\$1500 for a dozen or two Ash Co campers.
- This may be a nice change to balance out costs and camper involvement.

Added Items

1. Birds are living in the dairy bar! Revamping the kitchen with a new oven and countertop, Elissa will fix the bird issue with any help from office, and then redo the kitchen as long as it's under budget
2. Blake to send out 4-H Online Registration/enrollment link as reminder this week

Adjourn: Next Meeting is Monday, April 8th @ 6:30 PM
