

Fond du Lac County 4-H Leader Association Executive Board
February 28th Meeting Minutes

Lorna Bock called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Correspondence - received 'thank you's' from Gloria Sattler Family, Campbellsport 4-H, Marian Cook Family, Sandi Roehrig, Salome Seibel, and Jacob Dabringer.

Consent agenda, including the minutes from the January meeting were attached as well as financial reports and Creative Arts Festival feedback, was approved 1st by Kimberly and 2nd by Rose.

Camron VanLoo asked for financial support for his Costa Rica experience through 4-H International. He has been and will be fundraising (brat fry on March 18th from 9-5 at the Mobil gas station in Waupun) and working toward taking a trip to Costa Rica in order to find out what 4-H is like there. His trip in total is about \$3,200. He has about \$1,100-\$1,200 raised already. Rose Petrie made a motion to give Camron \$500 towards his trip. The vote was unanimous in granting him that money.

There is a request from the Horse Project for \$450 to be reimbursed for State 4-H Horse Leadership Conference. Rose made a motion to follow through on their request. There was another unanimous vote.

Friend of 4-H contact lists were handed in with edits and additions on them. We have \$9,514 in contributions.

Diversity Makes Us Smarter is an article that was handed out at the January meeting. There was a small discussion on the article. We began by discussing diversity examples found throughout the article and the benefits from the mentioned diversity. The article's headlines were "Information and Innovation", "How Diversity Provokes Thought", "The Power of Anticipation", and "Group Exercise". Some adult leaders shared their "aha moments" and their thoughts on how diversity makes a difference. "Being in a diverse group without even having conversation makes you think differently," Denise commented. The reason for discussion is because we want to be diverse as a board and as an organization. We could definitely be more diverse as a board as well as an organization.

We discussed and planned the goals for 2017. We will be working with two clubs to pilot project leader-youth member commitment. We will review record book expectations to assess relevance with youth. Adults and members will learn the application of life skills.

We have an attached New Horizons survey as well as scholarship application edits related to life skills.

We discussed the depth of involvement of leaders. Could we ask members to tell us about their project leaders' involvements? Can we get leaders more involved? We could use some more project leaders for members as well as more county leaders. We should ask leaders enrolled in projects about their meetings and the meetings attendances, or why you might not have these things, and so on. Maybe project leaders could attend county meetings and bring along the club members enrolled in said project. Project leaders should be more encouraged because invitations are directed mostly at youth. We believe that members value project meetings and we would like to witness what is happening in some clubs to be able to measure the involvement. Project leaders? Project meetings? Promotion? Demonstration/Interaction? If not, why not? Is it acceptable to just give out a phone number for questions in place of holding meetings? A volunteer is needed to make a draft for the survey that will be given to general leaders, project leaders, and youth. Kimberly so kindly will do this.

Lorna Bock updated us on the 4-H Raffle. She has a list of top prizes and estimates from the printing company. We decided that printing on both sides would be a good idea. Will 6,000 tickets be enough? Or is it too much?

Items for the next meeting's agenda were discussed.

Just an FYI, the annual club charter to be filled out for fall 2017 has been updated and clubs should use the form that is dated February 2017. Annual road sign reports are no longer needed to the DOT starting this 2017 year since we do not owe any fees. The reports will only be requested from those owing fees. We do not owe fees because we are non-profit.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 16th at 7:00.