New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association

January 23, 2023

President Kim Klair called the January 23, 2023 New Castle County 4-H Leaders meeting to order at 7:02 pm

All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer’s report was given currently we have $4042.76 in our checking account and $5953.30 in our savings account. We are still processing through the donation to the Delaware 4-H Foundation. A new check has been sent directly to the treasurer to insure the delivery of the donation.

 Motion made to accept the reports:

* Motion- Chris Melson
* Second – Richard Melson

Motion passed.

Agent Update:

* Shooting Sports is requiring recertification if the trainer has not been certified in the past 4 years. These required recertification classes would be offered in March, April, and November. There will also be a class offered for those seeking their first certification.
* A locked trailer is available for clubs to use for transporting the shooting sports equipment. It will be located at the Delaware State Fairgrounds near the New Castle Building.
* This year, the State 4-H Archery contest will be on the Monday of the Fair in the Paddock area. This is a better location than the former one on the track and field in the hot sun.
* April 23 will be the State Clothing Showcase. It will be held at the New Castle Building at the Delaware State Fair. It will not be held during the State Fair week. Kent County 4-H is going to oversee the organization. There will once again be a Ready Wear division. Clothing Judging will also be held at this event. Watch for more details in the 4-H Newsletter.
* Please encourage your 4-Hers 13 years of age and older to participate in the upcoming State 4-H Teen Conference.
* Club Audits will be emailed to you, not in the US mail. Remember, the person with their name on the account may NOT sign the audit; All audits are due by March 1st.
* Ag Day will be held on April 29th. The NCC Extension Tent will have space available for clubs to participate. The theme has not yet been announced.
* Watch for information in the newsletter regarding Camp Scholarships.
* There will be a Resume and Interview Skills Building Workshop offered for High School 4-Hers. Sessions will be held at the County 4-H office on April 6, 20 and May 4 all at 6:30 pm.
* Enrollment deadline is March 1. Also, State 4-H Camp and Day Camp registrations open.
* There will be a Spring Break Camp from April 11-13, 9:00am-4:00pm at the NCC 4-H office. This camp will be for 11-14 year olds. All activities will have a STEM focus.
* There are bookmarks available for club leaders to give their 4-Hers. The bookmark has the 4-H pledge on it.
* There is a NCC 4-H Yearly Overview document available for distribution. It highlights the yearly 4-H events at the county, state, and national level. Also, there will be a Delaware 4-H Family Guide to help 4-H families to navigate the many opportunities and expectations of our 4-H programs.
* Favorite Foods will be Saturday February 11 at George Kirk Middle School. Please come help as leaders.
* There is list of available resources from the Discover Curriculum for leaders to use. The 4-H office will print for you as you request.

Old Business:

1. The Gabe Trunfio and Melanie Witte will represent NCC 4-H at the National 4-H Conference.
2. The National Ignite Conference applications have been received and the team selected. Richard Melson stated that Photography would be part of the 2024 Ignite Conference.
3. Brenda Shaffer attended the recent State 4-H Leaders Forum. The format was a panel discussion. 30 leaders participated statewide.
4. The annual 4-H Leaders Forum will now be held in September/October starting this year. More information will be forthcoming.
5. We had no participants in the Archery Competition.

New Business:

1. There will be a State Record Book training session on January 26 at 6:30 pm in the NCC 4-H office.
2. State 4-H Camp and 4-H Day Camp scholarship applications are due to the 4-H office by February 3.
3. In lieu of a Jr. Leader Weekend, there will be a Jr. Leader Hike on February 5. The location will be determined.
4. February 11 is the annual 4-H Favorite Foods Contest at George Kirk Middle School.
5. There will be a 4-H Links Meeting on February 14 at 7:00pm at the NCC 4-H office.
6. February 25-26 will be the annual State 4-H Teen Conference in Newark, DE. Applications will be accepted until February 13th. There is a $50 scholarship available for any NCC 4-Her 13years old or older. The recipient must be fully enrolled in 4-H.

SHARING:

* Towel Artisans 4-H Club made stockings for soldiers, pillowcases for donation to a local hospital and snowman soup.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Vanstan and seconded by Richard Melson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm** at the

NCC 4-H office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Harvey