

Leader's Association Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2016
Youth Building

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm

Pledges recited

Present: Clorissa, Jenny, Patty, Hannah, Niciole, Pat, Tricia , Sheila, Lorrie

Secretary report read by Patty Lier. Motion to accept made by Lorrie, 2nd by Jenny

Treasures report ready by Lorrie Gunnerson. June 2016: Deposits/credits of \$1,045.00, Checks of \$1,958.99 (trips). Motion to accept treasurer report made by Jenny and 2nd by Clorissa.

Old Business: Adopting new by laws will be finished this fall per Sheila who is working on them. Jr Camp Counselor training will be July 23. Beef Association Show update: Pat will have Jr. leaders help on the Farm Fun Day which is Thursday. Update on the Computer: Sheila has the new computer which was purchased from Discover PC for \$701.99 including software. She has been entering for the Beef Association and it is going well.

New Business: 4H online enrollment will begin July 15th thru Aug 14th. There will be help available on Thurs. Aug 4th and Monday Aug 8th from 3-7pm at the fair office. Regarding Beef, swine, and sheep: There will be an open show. Premiums will be paid but you cannot show in July at the Beef Assoc. show and then again in August. There will be different judges for the two shows. The Dairy Bar menu will be the same as last year. The Dairy Bar hours will be from 11am to 8pm. There will be a 30 minute overlap of clubs to hand off the Dairy Bar information to the new club. Shifts will be 10am(set up) to 3:30pm. The second group comes at 3pm to 8:30pm (clean up)

Other Business: There was a vote to allow a late entry into the fair registration of a youth new to the area for the horse project as long as youth meets the requirements. A motion was made to allow the late entry by Patty L. and 2nd by Sheila. Sheila mentioned she would inform Sharon of this motion. There are 2 complimentary State Fair tickets available also per Sharon report. Younker's has a fund raiser with the Community Day booklets for sale in November. They are \$5.00 each. The water bill for the youth building should be paid from the Land and Development acct. The Wisconsin 4H dues budget was \$500 and the current bill is \$529.50. A motion to pay the full amount was made by Pat L and 2nd by Jenny K.

Club Business: Clover Country participated in Relay for Life and a donation of \$2428.00 was made. Sheila mentioned that they were hosting 2 chaperones, one from South Korea and the other from Mexico. Each will be staying 2 weeks. Two youth from the Tiger Pride Club were on 4H trips. Callie was on the East Coast Spirit Experience and Sarah was on the National Park Experience.

Next meeting will be August 22nd at 6pm at the Youth Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Motion to adjourn made by Pat L and 2nd by Sheila F.

Sharon's Report for Board Meeting 7.11.2016

First of all, my apologies for not being there. I double-booked myself. My other meeting is also from 6:00 – 8:00; if you go long and want to talk to me, feel free to call. 218-340-5537.

I've decided on an outline for my reports. First up...

Sharon's Shenanigans 😊

There were four June items you'll want to know about:

- ✓ I turned in my letter about the fair to the Land Development Committee. They cancelled their June meeting and are meeting on July 26th, with the fair a featured topic. You can voice your concerns via letters (sent in before the 17th) or in person at the meeting. The chairperson is Keith Allen.
- ✓ Inventgenuity Camp was a resounding success!! There were 4 girls and 5 boys. Not a high number, but it's significant that it was equal in terms of gender. And all the kids were great, super easy to work with. They enjoyed every activity and were excited to show what they had made during the Open House on Friday. It was great to see them teaching their families about what they had learned. Nothing but good reviews from kids and parents, and all want to do it again. One dad is the principal at Cooper Elementary and is stoked to have us come this school year. And a mom is willing to come on as a volunteer, for sewing/crafts stuff. I have just sent a survey to all the Inventgenuity families and will use it to refine what we offer and maybe change the schedule format. I am planning on always staging it in mid-June so people get in the habit of anticipating it. Pat was a great help and can fill you in more.
- ✓ I taught a seminar during Youth Conference in Madison entitled, "Putting Your 4-H Experience to Work for You". I used materials from the EmPwr state work team I'm on and there's a lot of really, really good tips in there. I plan on using pieces of it during youth leadership activities and in the new leader's binder I'm creating. If your club ever wants to hear some of it let me know.
- ✓ We did a lot of promotion for the Youth in Governance program and it's paying off! For the first time in a few years there will be two students on the Superior City Council. On the Board of Supervisors we have one student from Superior, one from Northwestern, and hopefully another from Solon Springs, which I think would be the first ever trifecta.

Coming in July:

- ✓ Wednesday (13th) I will be working with one of Burnett County's 4-H summer camps, helping lead an activity that incorporates the D.O.T.S. kits. While there I will take photos and video of the camp to show our counselors. (I will be in charge of two kits until our camp is over, so if your club wants to use them let me know.)
- ✓ Thursday (14th) all of our Extension Educators will be in Ashland to meet with the other counties in our NextGen cluster (Ashland, Bayfield, Iron). We'll get updates from state VIPs about what's going on. It's a very fluid situation. The higher ups tried to do something that worked in another state but that model doesn't work well in WI, so much of what they proposed last fall is in flux. Personally I think it's going to be a day of fun carpooling with a lot of blah blah blah in between. Or is it yada yada yada?
- ✓ Saturday (16th) is Lake Superior Day at Barkers Island. It will be a fun event – free Stand-Up Paddling! – and a great PR opportunity for us. I will be there with D.O.T.S. equipment and maybe a few other things. I've sent out an invitation to our Winter Camp kids to come help, not because I need it but due to media coverage. It'd be awesome to have teens demonstrating the gear. There might be a TV show filming there as well as local news. It's from 11:30 – 3:30 at the NERR building on Barker's Island (by the big ship).
- ✓ The week of the 18th – 22nd is when I will be teaching Insects to Superior Parks & Rec day campers once or twice a day.
- ✓ Family Fun Day is Thursday the 21st. I will be teaching from 12:00 – 4:45 so I won't be able to set up a 4-H table. If someone else is please let me know what you want. I can bring it to the fairgrounds that morning.
- ✓ Saturday the 23rd is Jr. Camp Counselor Training 8:00 – 2:30 at the youth building.
- ✓ Tuesday the 26th - Land Development meeting at 3:00 in 207C of the courthouse.

Looking ahead to August (besides the Fair & Camp):

- ✓ Mighty Machines is Thursday the 11th from 4:00 – 7:00 at the middle school. They are allowing us to be the main vendor. One request from last year: Post items and prices on large signs people can easily spot. I was thinking I could bring large sheets to stick on walls and an easel with a white board. As far as activities, we can do the rockets again for the little guys; the digital microscope; maybe some Dough Creatures; and Little Bits (see newsletter and/or google “TED Talks little bits”).
- ✓ Many of the schools (including Solon Springs) want us to come to family nights/open houses, and we should have more afterschool clubs this year along with new SPIN clubs. Assuming we have leaders. Please help recruit! Solon Springs volunteers might even get paid! And let me know of anyone willing to be at a 4-H table. Schools often overlap.
- ✓ I will train volunteers to lead Balls & Tracks and Little Bits. Both are super fun with lesson plans and don’t require a lot of science knowledge to lead. Please give me suggestions for meeting times. Evenings or weekends? I’m thinking of having one long day on Saturday August 13th with three sessions: Basic volunteer orientation (1.5 hours), Balls & Tracks (1 hr), Little Bits (2 hrs). People could come to whatever interests them the most. I want to time it before the open houses so I have a better idea of who’s going to help. Feedback welcomed! I have a mom, a UWS college student, and one or two others interested in volunteering. I don’t think the college student is old enough to lead alone; partnering with him would be a great way to learn some science stuff since he would do most of the leading.
- ✓ I lead a STEM activity at the library on the 17th. Will do the door alarm buzzer. Should have enough help from the staff, but if you want to come feel free.
- ✓ We need at least one other Superior community club, one for a variety of interests. Also the housing project is waiting for us to start something there.

FAIR

- ✓ Let me know what you want me to do. Last year I took one of the in-person registration nights. I cannot help on Thursday the 4th (Jr. Camp aftermath). My calendar is open on Monday the 8th but I won’t mind if someone else takes it on.
- ✓ I will bring fun stuff to do at a display table. Exactly what depends on available space. Little Bits/microscope could fit on a table and would require diligent attention. Balls & Tracks would be great in a large space and could pretty much run itself.
- ✓ There may be some new families who want to get in on the fair. (Some office things might have fallen through the cracks lately.) If some come in after this meeting, can I have Cheryl email you their info and a doodle poll to vote with?

Jr. CAMP

- ✓ We have 6 female and 4 male counselors. Cabins hold 8 people and beds don’t move, so that gives us room for 18 girls and 12 boys. As of Thursday morning we have 16 or 17 girls and 6 or 7 boys. We have a good crew of counselors! Hannah, Callie and Nicole will be split among 3 cabins so they can mentor newer counselors (Sarah Wahlquist, Sierra Wilson and Misty Carre). Misty is 19 and active in the horse club but new to counseling. Sierra is 15 and has a lot of leadership experience with young girls in Girl Scouts. The guys are Dustin, Derek, Kevin and Elijah.
- ✓ I finally got a lifeguard, a 4-Her from Burnett county who knows the camp. But she can only come Wednesday afternoon, so no polar bear swims. I might get some water toys like squirt guns and splash balls to give the campers something wet to do outside of swimming.

- ✓ Need adults to confirm they will cook, act as nurse. Menu will try to be Greekish and the counselors will have input on it during training. So far they've thought of using pita bread, grapes, maybe olives and yogurt, perhaps gyros or some form of them.
- ✓ We will include canoeing and the DOTS kits as an educational component.

OTHER STUFF

- ✓ Younkers fund-raising. We can sell coupon books from August to November and keep all the profits. Info was emailed earlier. If you want to follow through you need to sign up online, which is very easy to do.
- ✓ State Fair Exhibits. Emailed info earlier. We can still send something via UPS or FedEx. Would be good to pick winners from this year's fair to send next year (up to 5).
- ✓ Youth Conference Art exhibits. We can pick two from the fair to send next June.