New Castle County 4-H Leaders Association
February 24, 2020

President Kim Klair called the February meeting to order at 7:00. All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The Secretary report was reviewed from our January 27, 2020 meeting. The treasurer’s report was not available.
Motion was made to accept the secretary report:
  Motion: Chris Melson
  Second: Brenda Shaffer
  Motion passed.

Agent Update:
  - We are pleased to congratulate Angie Brown and Sarah Berninger who were the NCC Volunteer and Lifetime Award recipients, respectfully. Sarah will represent Delaware in the National Volunteer Award competition.
  - Ag Day 2020 theme is “Learning By Doing” through conservation. All clubs will be under the tent with the Cooperative Extension. Please let the NCC 4-H office know how many of your club members will be participating as T-shirts will be provided.
  - There will be a Horticulture Group forming in Dover beginning March 22, 2020. See the flyer for more information.
  - There will be a Rise Against Hunger event at MOT Charter School March 13th 10am – 12pm.
  - State 4-H Camp and Day Camp registrations open on March 2nd online.
  - Pictures from the Favorite Foods Contest are available to view on the 4-H Flicker account. See the NCC 4-H website for the link.
  - Operation Christmas Child is continuing with the opportunity for donations once a month as part of this shoebox outreach.
  - There will be a 4-H Alumni event on May 3 at the Deer Park. PLEASE REGISTER for this, as they need to have a headcount to hold the event.
  - Tractor Supply in Middletown, DE will be hosting a spring Paper Clover drive. See the 4-H newsletter for more information.
  - If anyone has new ideas for sessions for the next Leader’s Forum please share them with the NCC 4-H office staff.
  - There was a great session at the Leader’s Forum on a Shutterfly Share site. The NCC 4-H office has more information on this.

The Leaders then participated in a felting demonstration presented by Angie Brown and Maureen Ernst.

Old Business:
  1. The leaders discussed possible changes in the format for the State Leaders Forum. Several ideas were shared.
2. There were 10 NCC 4-Hers went to the State Teen Council.
3. The NCC Links decided to hold a family Meet and Greet this spring at Lums Pond. Watch for information regarding date and time.
4. The National Healthy Living Summit was a great success. Betsy attended. Celebrity Chef Carla Hall, a former 4-Her was keynote.
5. Winter Workshops are all going well. There is still room in the upcoming Flower Arranging. Ozobots and Photography workshops were well received.
6. Camp Counselor (C3) training meeting was held. Twenty teens participated. There is still opportunity for more to join. See the newsletter for upcoming dates.

New Business:
7. The National Photography Summit will be held on February 26 to March 1 in Washington, DC.
8. The Flower Arranging winter workshop will be held on February 29 from 10am-11am at Appoquinomink High School. There is still space to register.
9. On March 2nd, the State 4-H Camp and Day Camp registrations open online.
10. March 14 will be the State Horse Bowl competition at Lake Forest High School
11. Entries for the Jr. Duck Stamp contest are due by March 15.
12. The State Archery Championship will be held on March 21 in Kent County.
13. Mark you calendar for the NCC Exchange Group annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday March 21, 2020 at Immanuel UMC in Townsend, DE from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
14. There will be a Horticulture Group forming in Dover beginning March 22, 2020. See the flyer for more information.
15. Monday March 23 there will be the NCC Horticulture and Wildlife Judging Contests held at the NCC 4-H office from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.
16. The next C3 camp counselor training will be held on March 24 at 6:30pm in the NCC 4-H office.
17. The first session of the NCC 4-H Demonstration Contest will be held on Thursday March 26 in the NCC 4-H office beginning at 6:00pm.
18. The NCC Younger Member Weekend will be held at Ashland Nature Center. Please see the newsletter for registration information.
19. Congratulations to Cole Simpson and Matt Trunfio will be attending National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC on March 28-April 2.
20. Brenda Shaffer alerted the leaders to the upcoming Ag Day 2020 to be held on Saturday April 25.

Sharing:
- Sarah Berninger shared about an Egg Drop activity that the St. Anne’s club recently completed.
- Jenny Trunfio shared more updates on activities from the National STEM Lab available for clubs to use. These can be accessed from the National 4-H Council website.

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- Janice Melson shared how a 4-Her in her club shared a demonstration on Making No Sew Pillows.
- For a $100 donation, the University of Delaware puppy raisers will come to club meetings and show how they train these future service dogs. Well worth the donation.

Adjournment: Motion: Jenny Trunfio
Seconded: Richard Melson
Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

Next meeting will be Monday March 23, 2020 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marian Harvey