

## NCC Leaders' Association Minutes

The January 28, 2019 Leaders' Association meeting was preceded by a program on the dangers of vaping presented by Karen and Bobby Johnston. The business meeting was called to order at 7:38 by President Kim Klair. Pledges were said. The secretary's report was on the website and in hard copy for all to read, there were no corrections to the minutes. The treasurer was not in attendance, but there was no change in the current balance.

Betsy started her report by providing Civil Rights training, and showing the poster that is on display at all county/state events and reminding the clubs that when they complete annual paperwork, they are signing the Civil Rights agreement. She then continued her report by announcing the following items:

- National Jr Horticulture Association – she attended a meeting they are trying to get groups to attend, DE 4-H is considering.
- There is a State-wide Indoor Archery Competition on March 30 in Sussex County.
- There is a Kent County volunteer interested in holding a rabbit showmanship workshop some Saturday this spring. Let Betsy know if you have youth who would be interested in attending.
- The Sheep Club needs a new location.
- Volunteer hours will be collected again before the DSF, let your volunteers know they will need to provide them to get fair passes, so keep track.
- Start thinking of youth to National Congress Applicants. The application is due May 1. Hunter Willoughby was selected as a member of the National 4-H Congress design team.
- Next year, the National Summit applications will be due earlier. The summits are: Maker (in the Fall), Agri-Science (January), Healthy Living (early Feb), and the new Photography summit which is held in late February.
- The DE Youth-In-Action awards will be announced at the Fair this year. The application will be available the state website starting March 1.
- Club audits are due 3/1. Maureen is compiling them. If you have any questions, please contact her. Make sure you get 4 signatures (2 youth & 2 adult).
- The NCC calendar has been updated with some event date changes.
- Environmental Camp will be July 5-7 at Ashland Nature center this year.
- NCC will be hiring an Assistant Camp Director, let Betsy know if you are interested or have suggestions. We are in need of additional Day Camp Counselors, let your teens know the C3 club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the NCCE office.
- We will be starting a Collegiate 4-H group in the Fall 2019. Let Betsy know if you know anyone who may be interested in joining.
- Todd Harvey is interested in starting a fishing club – let Betsy know if you have youth who are interested.
- DSF is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year. The theme is “Our Centennial Celebration”. DE 4-H looking for volunteers to put together a display of photos from the past to present day.
- The Ag Day theme is “Cultivating our Legacy”.
- There are several 5K's coming up for those interested in running: 2/9 in Dover, 3/5 New Castle, and one at Trap Pond in April.
- *From the Civic Engagement Team:*
  - We are encouraging all clubs to participate in the Soap Drive for Haiti in the spring, and Operation Christmas Child in the fall this year. The National Day of Service is April 27 and we are doing a state-wide canned food drive.
- The Delaware 4-H Foundation gives over \$90,000/year to our 4-H'ers. Please encourage your clubs to give a little back. Betsy asked if the Leaders' would be interested in doing a fundraiser earmarked for the Foundation. After discussion, it was decided that she would look into working the concession stand at the Bob and report back so we can decide if that would work for our organization.

**Old Business:**

- National 4-H Congress – Hunter Willoughby and Logan Aber attended from NCC.
- Public Speaking was held 11/28. The presentations were really outstanding.
- Hippology contest 12/1 – this event is a great activity. There was a really large turnout is has both an individual and team competition component.
- State Wide skating event at DSF 12/28 –
- Winter Fun Day 12/8 – approximately 20 youth attended, they loved it and did a great job creating their arrangements.
- Favorite Foods/Foods judging training 1/8 – this was held in Townsend. 17 4-H'ers and parents attended.
- AGRI-Science Summit, Washington DC 1/11-1/14 – 2 Sussex County youth attended.
- Camp Counselor Training 1/15 for youth 13+. We need more counselors due to the fact that the NCC Exchange will be happening the same week.
- NCC 4-H Exchange group Grotto's Fundraiser was 1/16 – good turnout, they are traveling to Minnesota this year.
- Favorite Foods/Photography contest/Foods Judging 1/26 – 37 youth participants for FF, 10 adult contestants. There were 7 photography entries which seemed to be less than last year.

**New Business:**

- Camp Scholarships are due February 1.
- Leaders' Forum will be held 2/2 at Poly Tech High in Woodside 8-2:30.
- State Teen Conference will be 2/9-10 on campus.
- The Links Meet-N-Greet will be at Dead Presidents Pub February 12.
- The Healthy Living Summit is 2/15-18.
- Winter Workshops on Feb 16 are Food Science, Livestock Judging, and Robotics.
- Camp Counselor Training (C3) 2/19 6:30-8. Counselor applications are due at that meeting.
- February 23 Winter Workshops are Drawstring Bag and Glass Art.
- The New Photography Summit will be held 2/28 in Washington DC. Richard Melson will be chaperoning 5 youth.
- The Ag Day theme for our 4-H tent will be "Explore 4-H" Let Betsy know what you will be doing so we can have a variety of projects represented.

Brenda Shaffer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Melson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 by Kim Klair.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Trunfio