President Kim Klair called the February meeting to order at 7:03pm. All said the 4-H and American pledges.

The Secretary report was reviewed. The treasurer’s report was not available. A motion was made to accept the report as presented:

Motion: Sarah Berninger
Seconded: Richard Melson
Motion passed

We received a request from our 4-H Exchange Group for financial support. This is a line item in our budget so the $500 in funds will be distributed to them. No motion needed.

Agent Update:
- Thanks for completing the Club audits.
- Jr. Leader Weekend is scheduled for April 13-14. It will be a lock in at the 4-H office. Details will be finalized soon.
- The next Demonstration Contest session will be on May 11. Check the newsletter for open categories.
- There is a 4-H marketing survey being completed by the U of D. Please respond when contacted.
- There will be an Alumni Social on May 19 at Mispillion River Brewery in Milford, DE.
- The 4-H Fashion Showcase will be on April 13 in conjunction with Kent County. There are 3 NCC 4-Hers participating.
- There is a NCC 4-H Fishing Club being organized. Look in the newsletter for more details.
- Ag Day 2019 information is available. We are encouraging all clubs to participate and focus on a project area. The NCC 4-H office will have 4-H project books available for display. Brenda will register the NCC 4-H Leaders Association for our food booth.
- Master Gardeners/Jr. Gardener's program guides are available. This group is willing to come present a program to your club if you contact them.
- Younger Member Overnighter will be held at Ashland Nature Center on March 30.
- Youth in Action award submissions are needed. See the details in the Newsletter. Be thinking of possible applicants.
- The 2019 Delaware State Fair theme is "Our Centennial Celebration". There will be no coupon books this year. Online registration for entries begins on April 1 through 11:59 pm June 1.
- State 4-H Camp registration close on April 1. First week has 4 open girl vacancies and Second week is full. There are still vacancies in the Environmental Camp.
- Day Camp is ½ full. We anticipate a waiting list. Several field trips are being planned.
- State 4-H Camp clean-up day will be on Saturday April 13. More information will follow.
- In April, 4-Hers across the nation will participate as True Leaders in Service in multiple community service projects, culminating in a National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday April 27, 2019.
- Delaware Legislative Day will be on May 8th.
- The NCC 4-H Livestock Show will be on Saturday June 8. Please consider helping in the Links food booth, as this is their only fundraiser for the generous scholarships and events they provide to our NCC 4-Hers.
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leader Institute will be held at Texas A&M University August 6-10.
- Judging training kits are still available for clubs to borrow in the following project areas: Photography, Horticulture, Clothing, Woodworking, and Wildlife. Also, there are many DE 4-H resources available for clubs to borrow.
- National 4-H is again conducting a Raise Your Hand marketing campaign for 4-H April 1 – May 15. Look for this in our area media outlets.
- The NCC 4-H Exchange Group Fundraiser will be on Monday April 29 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Middletown, DE.

There was a discussion of possible DE 4-H Foundation fundraising ideas for our leader group:
   - Applebee's Breakfast (Middletown)
   - Raffle off a donated beef or pork
   - Work at the Bob Carpenter Center concession

Old Business:
1. Thank you notes were shared from the 4-Hers who received NCC leader scholarships.
2. The Photo Summit was well done. Five 4-Hers spent 2 days with intensive training at the National 4-H Center.
3. Heavenly Hooves participated in the State Horse Bowl.
4. The recent Demonstration Contest had several first-time participants.
5. The NCC 4-H Exchange Group Spaghetti Dinner went very well. They anticipate clearing $1600 in profit.
6. The Computer Science Pathway Summit held in Utah was very interesting and offered a wide range of computer science related topics. Next step is to have these DE 4-H participants develop trainings for clubs and other teen groups to expand the understanding of computer science in daily life. It is part of an 18-month grant program.
New Business:
1. There will be a Statewide Marine Science Workshop at the U of D campus in Lewes, Delaware on March 30. Registration is required.
2. There will be a Statewide Archery event on March 30. See the newsletter for more details.
3. Registration for exhibits at the DE State Fair begins on April 1.
4. There will be a Poultry Show in the Poultry building at the DE State Fair from March 20-31. The Delaware Poultry Industry (DPI) is sponsoring this event.
5. There will be a dairy show at the De State Fairgrounds on April 6.
6. National 4-H Conference will be held April 6-11. There are no NCC 4-Hers participating this year.
7. Jr. Leader Weekend will be April 13-14 at the NCC 4-H office. It will be a lock in.
8. Younger Member Overnighter will be held at Ashland Nature Center on March 30. Twenty-two 4-Hers are registered to attend.
9. State 4-H Camp Clean Up day is scheduled for April 13. The 4-H Fashion Showcase is also April 13.
10. Ag Day is April 27. All hands on deck for this, our only fundraiser. Details of the support needed were shared with the group by our fearless Ag Day leader, Brenda Shaffer.
11. Photography/Wood Science/ Clothing Judging will take place at the NCC 4-H office on April 22 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Please encourage your 4-Hers to attend.

Sharing:
- The Putt Putt Fundraiser was a great success for the Meado-Larks 4-H Club. A large donation of canned goods was made to the local food bank.
- Happy Birthday to Chris Melson!

Adjournment
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting: Jenny Trunfio
- Seconded: Chris Melson

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm
Next meeting will be Monday April 22, 2019 at 7:00pm in the NCC 4-H Office.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marian Harvey
Secretary, NCC 4-H Leaders Association

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