The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Robyn Hunter. All said the 4-H and American pledges. The secretary’s minutes were read by Sarah Berninger, substituting for Marian Harvey. Richard motioned to approve the minutes and Jenny seconded and motion was passed. No treasurer’s report was given.

**Agent’s Update** was given by Betsy Morris.

- Make sure to go to 4-H online and approve members as they register.
- She showed us an example of a neck ribbon that is available from 4-H for exhibiting awarded pins. It was decided that she should purchase some to give out at the achievement event.
- Applications are available for the National Summits.
- The paper clover campaign at Tractor Supply would start October 3rd and the Middletown Tractor Supply would welcome clubs.
- There have been some calendar changes.
  - Science Workshops
  - Public Speaking will be Nov. 28th – a discussion ensued about the 4-H age when we hold our event before Jan 1.
  - Favorite Foods moved to Jan. 26th because it doesn’t compete with State Teen Conference.
  - The Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame Honorees list is out.
  - Betsy told us that the State Police are getting a Friend of 4-H award for Camp Barnes and that they are looking for any other awards that we could give out likewise.
  - The Design a T-Shirt Challenge Friend Challenge where you and a friend get a t-shirt.
  - Leader’s Forum will be held at Polytech High School on Feb. 2 and they are looking for ideas for classes.
  - We can combine clubs for Consumer Bowl. We have a coach but need a team.
  - There are many more participating in the Rate of Gain from NCC that will be honored by the Farm Bureau.
  - PQA Training will be required for all exhibitors of market animals.
  - They are seeking Junior Fair board members from NCC.
  - They are looking for individuals to enter the Pumpkin Carving contest at the Delaware State Fairgrounds.
  - The next big marketing push will be: “Inspiring Kids to do!!”
  - There is a Jeopardy board available for use at club meetings.

**Old Business**

- Please get everyone enrolled.
- Brenda gave a brief report on the Links meeting and reminded us to get people to sign up for the Bowling Night.
- We all agreed that the Extension Event, Farm to Fork to Fabulous was a great event.
- The Ag Day at the UD football game was fun. They got to go down on the field as the players entered.
- It was suggested that maybe we need to move down by the kids activities at Newark Community Day.
- We approved the Budget for 2018. Motion made by Richard, seconded by Jenny.
- We approved the calendar for 2018. Motion made by Richard, seconded by Jenny.
- Jenny moved to purchase ribbons for pins for Achievement Night. Richard seconded and it was passed by vote.

**New Business**

- Project books are due to office Sept. 28.
- Food Science Career Workshop Saturday Sept. 29 at the NCC Office from 10 -12.
- John Hickey, Summit Bridge 4-H Club is taking 2 boys to the National Dairy Conference.
- Window displays and banner registration is due in the office by Oct 1.
- Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply October 3-14.
- The Delaware 4-H Hall of Fame will be Oct 6th at the Modern Maturity Center.
- The agents will be out of the office Oct. 7 thru 12th for the NAE-4-H Conference.
- National 4-H Week is that same week
- October 12th is the Link’s Bowling Event at Price’s Corner from 6:30 -8:30.
- The Delaware Livestock Expo starts that same evening at the Fairgrounds.
- There will be a bus on October 19th going to the National 4-H Hall of Fame.
- There will be a New Leader’s training in Dover on Oct. 20th.
- That day is also the Blackbird Creek Fall Festival from 10-4.
- Oct 25, there will be a National Youth Science Day event will be at Shue Medill Middle School from 6-8.
- November 3 there will be a Science Saturday at St. Jones River-Magnolia. It will be a pond exploration activity.
- November 4th is the NCC Achievement Event from 2-4. Please RSVP.

**Sharing**

- DSWA offers possible field trips.
- Community Service Ideas – Stocking for Soldiers
- Family Promise