

LEADERS MONTHLY MEETING

August 24, 2020

Kim Klair called the meeting to order. The pledges were shared. Neither a Secretary's nor Treasurer's reports were available.

We started with old Business from summer virtual activities. Strangely, the Demonstration Contest participation was up as 4-Hers were able to do their demonstrations on Zoom. The State Public Speaking Contest was also held on Zoom. The results from these contests are available in the August Newsletter.

Both State 4-H Camp and our NCC 4-H Day Camps were held by Zoom. The State camp was great for the 4-Hers who had attended before: catching up with friends, "campfires" and people groups. Not necessarily the best introduction to 4-H camps if they were a new camper. Counselors did a great job and learned a lot about teaching classes.

The Delaware State Fair entries were virtual but the livestock shows were held in person. The county window displays and banners were displayed in the 4-H building but it was predominantly utilized by the FFA for exhibits.

We started new business with the Judging contests. Since neither county or state level contests were not held, they will take place in the counties and be scored for state recognition. They will be held in-person with assigned times. 4-Hers need to bring their own clipboards and pencils and must wear a mask. The judging areas will be cleaned between participants. If enough 4-Hers sign up, it will possibly be from 2:30 till 8:30 with Horticulture, Wood Science and Wildlife on Aug. 27 and Clothing and Photography on Sept. 1.

The Achievement Event will be held on October 4th to kick off National 4-H Week. It is being planned as a virtual event for now but can be made in-person if the University changes the policy. Window Displays and Banners will be put off till the spring, maybe April.

September 18th is the due date for Project Books and Diamond Clover forms. These can be placed in a physical box at the office or by using the Dropbox App. There are instructions for this in the newsletter.

The start of 4-H enrollment has been moved back to Oct. 1st due to 4-H Online going through an update in September.

The STEM Challenge this year is Mars Base Camp. The kit contains 4 activities and comes as an instructional kit for up to 12 or as a family kit for 4. It is geared towards ages 8-14. If you are interested, we were asked to sign up for kits to be sent to us. There will be 2 training sessions, one will be on the evening of Sept. 23rd. There will be more info to come. Teens can apply to be facilitators.

Kaitlin's Agent Updates started with how to get your club's ribbons from virtual fair entries. Contact her to make arrangements. If you are holding Zoom 4-H meetings and need to use Kaitlin's account, please contact her. There are other possibilities, but they don't seem necessary at this time. The Livestock Expo will be a virtual show using pictures of the animals. More info to come on this. Like the Kent County Basket Auction, the Livestock Expo Fundraiser Auction will also be a virtual event on Sept. 12-13th. Sounds like there will be lots of great auction items!!

The Quarter Auction is scheduled for Nov 6th. We decided to move forward with collecting the items to auctioned and if necessary, reschedule for maybe February. Each club is asked to provide a themed basket. Please make all items new and unused (this is not a place to regift items.)

Kaitlin and other county staff are trying to put together a Share Fair for leaders on Zoom to brainstorm together ideas for clubs. NO day or time yet but continue to look for info coming.

Richard and Chris Melson motioned and seconded the adjournment of the meeting.