**Sharon’s Report for DC4H Leaders Meeting**

**May 8, 2017**

* Afterschool clubs are ending and everyone 8 years old and up is getting forms for Jr. Camp & the June science camps (Inventgenuity and littleBits). We have a few 4th & 5th graders who really like 4-H but are not in community clubs; how to keep them when they go to the middle school? More volunteers for afterschool programs would be wonderful; it’s the best time to capture kids.
* I would like to set some dates tonight for fun events for middle and high school youth.
* Volunteers (adult and youth) are encouraged to come to the June science camps. They’re low key and it’d be a fun way to learn some STEM stuff.
* I will be on vacation the week before Memorial Day.
* We are recruiting high schoolers for Youth in Governance roles: Superior City Council and County Board seats for Northwestern and Solon Springs. If you now anyone please encourage them to apply. It looks awesome on a resume and the learning experience can’t be beat.
* Registrations are coming in already for Junior Camp, along with the June science camps. As of Tuesday May 2nd: 10 junior campers, 5 Inventgenuity, 2 littleBits
* There is a lot of movement and excitement about improving the fair. I was contacted by United Way so 10-20 Enbridge volunteers could do some work this last week. We’re also still on for United Way’s Day of Caring Wednesday June 21st. Please encourage youth adults to come help out. Most of the tasks will involve painting.
* UW-Extension NextGen update: The new Area Directors will be hired in a few weeks. Whoever gets the position for our area (Douglas, Ashland, Bayfield and Iron counties) will then work with the counties to determine how services will be distributed. The counties need to know final decisions in September so they can make their 2018 budgets. The scenario for non-tenured staff looks direr as time goes on, but after 2 years of waiting it will be good to have a final answer! I’m 99% certain Douglas will keep a FT 4-H agent. I will be a candidate but may have competition from tenured faculty who are let go from other counties.