

Leader's Association Meeting Minutes  
**January 8, 2018**  
**Northwestern High School**

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. (Present: Patty Lier, Marissa Soyring-youth delegate, Lisa Soyring, Nola Senroos, Katie Stenroos, Tricia Garland, Patricia Luostari,, Sheila Fillmore, Jenny Kroll, Clorissa Kroll

Pledges completed. **Secretary report** read by Patty Lier. Motion to accept made by Clorissa and 2nd by Sheila. **Treasurer's Report** ready by Pat L. Beginning balance was \$32,555.64, Deposits by United Way \$418.00, Debits of \$871.54, interest of .41. Motion to accept report made by Jenny and 2nd by Patty.

**Sharon's Report:** She attended a National Conference in Indianapolis. She was interested in the basic hydraulics class taught and may do something like that with youth at a later date. The afterschool clubs are going well. There are 3 groups with approximately 12 youth per club and Four Corners has almost 30. *Superior Day's:* Overall student participation is down because some schools did not send any youth. Training is going very well. *Discovery Club:* There are approximately 30 members now and many are K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders. They started meeting last fall and meet every other Tuesday with STEM as the main focus. *Wisconsin 4-H Civil Rights:* A state-wide teleconference for 4-H Educators focused on trying to get a wider, diverse group of youth. Sharon is helping a task force by partnering with the Superior Boys & Girls Club to organize a focus group to research best ways to reach underserved audiences. The feedback was very helpful. Concerns brought forward were affordability and transportation. Also, 90% of the families do not have a home computer but some good tips for reaching them were given. Sharon would like to start a club in the neighborhood of the B & G Club. She would need volunteer help and might get some new parents from the area, but would like to have veteran 4-H volunteer help; perhaps various people come and lead an activity once a year? The B & G is willing to let us use their building. Sharon will also check on using the Peter Rich Center so youth see 4-H as a different group than B & G. *Other:* Sharon did not have time the past 2 months to work on getting the Junior Leaders Association restarted. She might have time in January. Club Leader binders are almost done and some volunteer training will occur in March perhaps (see New Business). *Beef Association:* A meeting was held in December with the Beef Association, 4H and HOLF which was attended by 4-H State Livestock Specialist Pam Hobson and the Director of the State Fair Association, Debbie Gergare. Due to the civil rights issues within WI 4-H, the fair and auction are supposed to be as open as possible. The State Fair has already changed its rules to reflect this. The HOL fair team has final say over who runs the barn and what kind of auction there will be. They can choose to have no auction, one run by either 4-H or the B.A., or both. Crash from HOL asked the groups to try to compromise so Sharon and a few others are working on creating a mentoring agreement. However, given the gap between the two groups' philosophies regarding access to the auction, Sharon isn't hopeful 4-H will be able to continue to partner with them.

**Old Business:** Tricia is checking with Kristin Clemmer to see if she is interested in becoming the new secretary. 4H enrollment deadline was Dec. 31 but numbers are not collected yet.

**New Business:** Project Night: Activities may include rockets, small animal care, nutrition, bird feeders, refrigerator magnets, volunteer certification on January 15 from 6:15 to 8pm at the high school. Family Fun night will be Feb 11 at the Nemadji Sledding Hill with pizza at VIP after. Applications are being sent out to recruit youth to become camp counselors at Lesiure Lake this coming July.

**Other Business:** March 5th will be a Club Leader/Volunteer training/meeting. Time and place to be determined but most likely will be 6:00 pm at VIP Pizza.

Next Meeting will be February 12 at 6:30 pm at Northwestern High School. Meeting adjourned at 7:35. Motion to adjourn made by Pat L and Clorissa.