**Cumberland County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting**

**October 19, 2023**

**Gorham Public Works**

In attendance*: Jenn Grant, Pat Stack, Allison Pollack, Connie Wood, Stan Moreau, Ralph Clark, Chris Baldinelli, ZOOM: Amylynn McDevitt, Christine Martel*

Presentation by CWF attendees: Elsa Knowles, Aine Martel, Alyvia Torrick presented.

Catarina Leach sent an email to Pat to say Thank You to the Leaders Association for sending her to CWF.

Treasurer’s Report: none

2024 Budget will be published in the November newsletter.

Secretary’s Report: *Corrections to 9.12.2023 meeting notes: add Connie to attendance. Rodney Curtis built the raffle box.*  Connie motions to Accept with corrections, Ralph seconds. All in favor. Accepted with corrections.

**Old Business**

Office Hire: Office Administrative Specialist: Three applicants were interviewed and the position was offered to Suzan Nelson who started on Tuesday.

Fair Update:

* Pig Raffle: sold $4858.50 - $335.49 expense= **$4,523.01** profit ($4,590.17 2022)
* Exhibits 156 (up approx. 50 projects from 2022).
* Kitchen total sales $13,357.25 – expenses of insurance $658.00 LePage Bakery $164.80, local stores by Nicole $400.00, LePage Bakery $144.20, The Donut Hole $501.83, Pepsi $710.60, Sysco $3,015.18, propane $303.42. Total expenses $5,897.03 to date (added $427.89 in reimbursements to Nicole after meeting). Total Kitchen Profit **$7,460.22** (+$73.00 Post Sale)

Stan said each year we budget $300.00 for the kitchen. He will schedule Hoodz to clean out the overhead exhaust vent. Pat said we need to replace the refrigerator by the grill before next year. We can check McLaughlin’s Appliances or the Restore on Riverside. Sliding door cooler also needs to be replaced before next year.

* Bottle Bins: $400.00 Total ( Ralph said owner agreed to round up from the $350.00 we turned in). Tom has requested bottle bins be placed in the camping area if possible. *Some of the bins are in need of repair*.

2023 Congress & 2024 Conference Update: Pat was updated by Heidi that Kendal Sparks has been selected to attend Congress 2023. No Cumberland County kids are attending the 2024 Conference. Stan should be receiving two invoices next week; one for Conference and one for Congress, which he will pay.

**New Business**

Winterfest December 3 location TBD, Allison will follow up with Great Falls School (last year $150.00 from Paper Clover Fund was used for this). We budget $425.00 for this County event. The Teen Council will help to coordinate this year. Stan will buy a VISA gift card for the youth who raised the pig for the raffle Pat will take care of the platter of cookies Blue Seal and Windham Butcher.

Paul Merrill Fund application deadline November 1.

Fashion Review 2024 date will be Saturday 2/24.

November Board Elections: 2021-2023 Chris Baldinelli, Ralph Clark. We also have 2 vacant seats. 2024-2026 slated Board members will be published to the November newsletter.

Cumberland Fair 4-H Hall Renovation, Pat: Sarah Sparks is Chairing the Committee who is helping to introduce the idea of the renovations, gather feedback and get recommendations in meetings and using an electronic survey. They will be meeting on Oct 26th at 7pm via ZOOM then on Nov 2nd at the Gray Public Library 4pm will hold an in person stake holder meeting and a 7p ZOOM option as well. A notice will be sent out soon. In November they will present findings and recommendations at the Leader’s Association meeting on 11/16.

4-H Office Update of Activities- Allison

* 4H Information Night Mon Oct.23 Windham Town Hall 6:30pm interest meeting
* Teen Council starts up Tuesday night at the Office, pizza served!
* Maker Monday 4H Office & Wacky Wednesday Windham Public Library programs starting back up soon. (Oct. pumpkin, Nov. snow, Dec holiday décor).
* ME Mariners invited Sat. Nov 11th 6:00pm Veteran’s Day 4H Tickets will be discounted in one section. If we get at least 20 tickets sold then we can set up a display table. Wear your 4H swag!! Allison will share the link.
* ZSuites re-enrollments have been shared. Some paper copies are available for new members who cannot enroll using ZSuites.
* Award packets are due to the Office on Wednesday.

Chris asked about Mini Forum returning. Christine agreed the timing could be good with younger members. Amylynn also said that a County event like Mini Forum could be welcomed. Falmouth Family Skating might be a place we could hold a County-wide activity. Chris has also asked for ways we can promote 4H at local schools, particularly is there a way that we can help students who are visiting on Ag Day who may be food insecure? Allison can ask Liz Tarrantino ways we can reach out.

Jenn is writing a letter to Lisa Phelps and / or Kristy Ouelette inquiring about what supports are available for busy 4H Leaders during the week of the Cumberland Fair after experiencing diminished support in recent years.

November Meeting: Kendall & Chloe presenting, Sarah Sparks will discuss renovations

No meeting December