

Thursday, November 20th, 2025 Leaders Association Meeting

Laura Pahl called to order at 7:35 pm.

Pledges

***To comply with the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Bylaws there must be representation from at least 8/11 (a quorum of $\frac{2}{3}$) clubs in the county.**

Roll Call

Cloverleaf - 3

Covered Bridge - 9

Deckers Corners - 0

Holy Cross - 2

Jay Road - 2

Knellsville - 3

Lakeview - 2

Lindenwood - 10

Little Kohler - 1

Town & Country - 1

Waubeka - 5

Shooting Sports - 0

Approval of the Secretary's Report from September 18th, 2025

Jody Brzezinski moved to approve the secretary's report with mentioned changes,
Brenda Mueller seconded; unanimously approved.

Approval to file treasurer's report as of November 20th, 2025:

Business Checking PWSB: \$86,155.60

*Uncleared transactions as of 10/31/25: \$3,124.48

Business Money Market PWSB: \$62,814.23

Total Assets: \$148,969.83

Sub Accounts: Unavailable at this meeting

Main amounts going out: Haunt, Storage, Foundation Donation, Clara's Lawn Care, Olsen's Piggly Wiggly, Haunt starting cash, Arnold's, Clipper magazine, Hannah Riemer

Deposits mainly for: Haunt income generated from ticket sales, which was \$40,639.46

Lisa Fellenz, new Treasurer, shared she will soon have full access to all Treasurer accounts, emails, etc. The switchover is almost complete. Lisa is working through a backload of emails and check requests and appreciates everyone's patience. She suggested that Haunt checks will likely come out in February, and that Brat Fry checks will come out in December.

Carol Boehlke moved to file the Treasurer's Report.
Jody Brzezinski seconded; unanimously approved.

4-H Program Educator Update - provided by Abi Quinlan

- **Youth Protection Pilot Update:** UW-Madison's Youth Protection Specialist attended a Cloverleaf meeting on November 10, 2025. They are assessing opportunities for improving our youth protection practices. More details to come.
- **Charters & Annual Start-Up:** All club and group charters have been collected and reviewed for the new program year. If you have not submitted your club activities and bylaws, please do so ASAP to Abi. Notify Abi of any high-risk activities this year..
- **Enrollment & Member Support:** Re-enrollment follow-ups continue as we work to ensure youth and volunteers are ready for the year. New family welcome messages went out.
- **4 New Countywide Programs:** Photography, Dance, Vet Science, & Adventure. Interested youth should email Abi.
- **Enrollment & Volunteer Approvals:** Please remember volunteers must have training and background checks completed before taking on youth-facing roles. The county has a total of 36 outstanding volunteers with trainings or background checks to complete. If volunteers haven't finished their background check or trainings, must be finished by Dec. 1st.
- **Leader & Club Support:** Thank you to everyone who attend the workshop back in October. Scheduling for club visits and chartered group visits will begin in December and continue through early January. Literature orders are due.
- **Older Youth Programming:** College and Career Readiness workshop materials will go out soon.
- **Looking Ahead to Summer Camp:** Summer Camp 2026 planning coming up next week! It will be held at Camp Lakotah. Dates will be June 19-21 2026 at Camp Lakotah. Camp will actually start on June 18th. Abi & Jessica Heller will be running camp this summer.
- **2025-2026 4-H year:** youth & adults must be enrolled for the 4-H year, to participate in 4-H.
- **Parade drivers:** If your group is in a parade and has a driver, please notify Abi. Drivers must be authorized. This can take over 2 weeks. The Extension is now requiring any 4-H certified driving volunteer to apply every November.
- **Madison:** Thanks to Nicole Simon, Lily, and Neal for attending field trip in Madison
- **4-H Tent:** The 4-H Foundation is willing to share the cost of doing a 4-H tent at the Oz Co Fair. Abi could be a coordinator of this. The 4-H Foundation has shared that they will assist with staffing. Some activities could go into the tent. 12:00 noon - 10:00 pm would be the hours that it would be required to be staffed. March 1st is deadline for this. Or can we re-focus on the activities in the Curling Building? Dogs demonstration, Pinewood Derby cars, Key Award, Pie Auction, Mr/Miss Ozaukee Contest. Hand vote for interest in doing the tent: 1 person who voted for this. It did not pass.
- Additional information shared: **Youth speakers discussing State Dog Shows:** Lilly Simon, Sarah Heller, Marisa Heller, Rebecca Gierach. Rebecca presented a video that demonstrated her dog running an obstacle course.

Committee Reports -

- Countywide Activities
 - Brat Fries - Rich Simon will now be the Committee Chair.
 - Meet the 4-H Animals - Amy Gierach will be adult liaison; Two youth will be running this: Lilly Simon and Rebecca Gierach
 - Camp: Abi & Deb Poull will be the Committee Chairs.
 - Thank You Event - Danielle Gettelman? Will confirm whether she is still interested in being the Committee Chair.

- A few more to be handed out
 - Thank you to all volunteers
- Mr. and Miss Ozaukee - Dorothy Parchim and co-chair with Nicole Simon
 - 3 great contestants
 - Parade coming up
- National 4-H Week - Erin Puro? Will confirm whether she is still interested in being the Committee Chair.
- Pinewood Derby - Sue Dowe will be the Committee Chair.
- Youth Tournaments - Becky Assmann/Mary Hamm will be the Committee Chairs.
 - April 18th or 25th volleyball tournament at Port High School or Oz High School
- Dance - Dorothy Parchim will continue to be the Committee Chair.
 - Will be held on February 21st, 2026
 - Location: Fairgrounds
 - **DOROTHY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE**
- The Haunt - Rose Paulus reported on numbers.
 - We had 2,600 guests purchase Haunt tickets, and 344 purchased escape room tickets. That is a grand total of 2,944 guests! Not included in this number is the double dares. A total of 111 guests chose to experience the Haunt twice in the same night.
 - Final profit numbers will be available in January. Club leaders have been contacted to confirm hours worked.
 - Gabe N., youth, created the Escape Rooms again.
 - The Haunt update will be presented at the January meeting.
- Fundraising - Brenda Mueller will continue as Committee Chair.
 - Brenda will have Claudia keep repeating the current fundraisers in the Harbinger; sales do not end. They are perpetual.
 - That's My Pan:
 - No changes.
 - Kwik Trip Cards:
 - Ongoing. Need to use these up!!!
 - Flower Power:
 - New fundraiser will begin for October and December
 - All General Leaders have this information as well if more direction is needed.
- **Travel Experience Scholarships** - Danielle Gettelman? Will confirm whether she is still interested in being the Committee Chair.
 - No applicants in fall
 - Some confusion about the timing of applying for the funding versus applying for the trip
 - Encourage youth to take advantage of the trip offerings and funding
- **Jellybean Jamboree** - Sue Karolczak and Nicole Simon will be Committee Chairs
 - Prep night March 20th, 2026
 - Jamboree March 21st, 2026
- **Lemonade Stand** - Deanna Lee, Erin Puro, and Lisa Fellenz will be Committee Chairs. Laura Prah is co-chairing
 - See upcoming Harbinger for details and summary
- **Open House** - Jessica Heller & Sarah H will be Committee Chairs
 - Goal: to have more youth member volunteers next year
- **T-shirts** - Nicole Simon and Deanna Lee will be Committee Chairs
 - This year, t-shirts will be complimentary for only new members

- Other current youth and families are able to purchase additional shirts/items, but must put order in with club and pay their club
 - This will be the only clothing sale this year
- **Leaders Banquet** - Lori Hosseini will continue as Committee Chair; Amy Kohlwey will be Co-Chair
 - Was held on Saturday, November 15th, 2025
 - Banquet was held at Lepanto Banquet Hall in Port Washington and was well-attended
 - 3 nominees were honored for a Leader Recognition Award: Heather Hamm, Rick Lee, and Cindy Reetz and Heather Reetz (Gollwitzer)
 - 2 nominees were honored with a Friend of 4-H Award: Angel Tello, of Tello's Grille, and Ryan "Fig" Figarino
 - Connect with Lori if you would like to join the planning committee
- Fair Liaison
 - **Food Stand** - Dorothy Parchim/Steve Wilke will remain Committee Chairs for another year.
 - Dorothy is looking for a co-chair
 - **Looking for 4-5 more volunteer** members to join the Food Stand Committee!
 - Clothing review-Dorothy Parchim will continue as the Committee Chair
 - 2026 date will be Tuesday, May 26th, 2026
 - New Family Fairgrounds - Carol Boehlke will continue as the Committee Chair
 - It will take place the 2nd Tuesday in June
 - Key Award ceremony - Danielle Gettelman Will continue as the Committee Chair
 - Leaders Recognition Banquet - Lori Hosseini will continue as the Commtee Chair; Amy Kohlwey as Co-Chair
 - Fair other - 4-H Ozaukee County Foundation
 - Volunteer Hours - Mary Hamm
 - Activity Area - Sue Karolczak/Nicole Simon will continue as Committee Chairs
 - Business Awards - Lori Hosseini will continue as Committee Chair
 - Silent Auction - Amy Gierach/Laura Prahll will continue as Committee Chairs
 - Some troubleshooting is needed
 - WiFi issues
 - Maybe next year have it open all weekend or extend it into National 4-H week
 - Considering using laminated tags for projects that will be available for sale
 - Parade of Champions - Heather Hamm will continue as Committee Chair
 - 10th Anniversary this year
 - Encourage youth to turn in forms to Heather Hamm early (paper or email option)

Liaisons

- Agricultural Society - Jody Brzezinski and Carol Boehlke will continue as the Ag Society Liaisons
 - Premium books currently under construction; they need to follow DATCP rules and policies. Hope to be published January 2026.
 - Some entries will be eliminated if they haven't been entered in multiple years. Don't abuse the "Any other" category.
 - More judging schedule changes will be coming this year. See Harbinger for details. Dairy judging day will start with education projects. Sheep judging is going to be Wednesday at 12:00; education projects will follow. Open division will follow that. Mini-Leadline now will be called

Little Shepherd; it will be on Saturday at 11:00 am. Goats will be moving to Thursday at 11:00 am, followed by education projects. Poultry judging time will start at 9:00 am. Horse and pony 10:00 am; education at 12:00. Gymkhana at 10:00 am.

- Ozaukee 4-H Foundation - Deb Poull will continue as the Liaison
 - The Foundation will be Increasing the amount of money given out for scholarships
 - When seeking project support for any project, please fill out the form to request funds: [Oz. Co. 4-H Foundation Project Support Application](#)
 - The Foundation has money in their budget to support projects
 - Barrel Train - the Foundation is wondering if we can partner with them on this for parades. Lengthy discussion about how to move forward with this. Each barrel could be sponsored by a business/etc. Handles need to be installed on each barrel for the safety of the riders. The Foundation would provide the trailer to transport it. They are looking for help with storage of the barrel trains. The Foundation would like 4-H to go with them to the various parades. They are looking for a list of parades that 4-H would be willing to go to or that they already are going to. The Foundation members would be willing to become 4-H approved drivers. The Leaders' Association will be generate a list of which parades clubs are already going into and the contact person. Deb will then give that to the Foundation. We are also seeking storage for the barrels.
 - Bowl-a-thon - Sunday, February 1st, 2025
 - Donation Baskets - give to Jaime Jacobson
 - Forms are on the Foundation website for the bowlathon as well as the businesses who will do projects
 - If the youth member raises at least \$125 they could get a gift
 - Theme baskets for the raffle are very popular and much appreciated

Old Business

- Updates from the board
 - MOU with the County
 - MOU document had been reviewed and double checked, but not signed yet because correct version has not been provided
 - Goals: This year's Smart Goals 2025-2026:
 - Establish at least 2 joint board meetings with the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation by June 30th, 2026.
 - Develop 4 youth lead county-wide youth leadership or experience roles
 - Reminders to use up vouchers from Thank You committee; they expire 12/31/25
- Leader's events
 - Brat Fry
 - Rich Simon will be Chairing Brat Fries with Christy Deieringer.
 - Monthly County-Wide Events
 - Reminder - new opportunity for clubs to host countywide activities to invite other clubs to attend - \$750 is budgeted per event, each club can host 1 event a year, great way to bond youth and have clubs collaborate together. Complete form to apply for funds.
- Leaders Recognition Banquet
 - Was held at Lepanto Banquet Hall Saturday November 15th, 2025
 - 99 RSVP's; 90 attended

New Business

- By-Law changes-First read through; Proposed change could say that Financial Treasurer is following up with the General Leader of the club for uncashed checks. Check request form will be changed to reflect the name of the club (Lisa Fellenz). Jess - Financial Treasurer section, fix formatting for E-G, and J & K. Second reading and voting at next meeting.
- Directory
 - Once all of leaders complete trainings and background checks, directory can be completed and printed.
- 25-26 Calendar - send things in to Claudia.
- Hall of Fame nominations
- Amy Gierach is doing a workshop at Concordia for pottery. Room for up to 14 youth. More info will be in the Harbinger. It is taking place January 10th, 2026.
- Amanda Clausing - new President of the Horse & Pony project. Introduced herself.

Club Sharing

- Holy Cross November meeting—donated over 600 Lbs to the Port Washington Food Bank!
- Cloverleaf November meeting—donated 272 food items to Port Washington Food Bank!
- Reminder that April 10th is Freistadt Heritage Festival.

Correspondence:

Thank you's to be written: None

Received: None

Adjournment

Jody Brzezinski motioned to adjourn; Rose Paulus seconded; unanimously approved.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting: December 18th, 2025 at Thomas Jefferson School, in the Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Other info:

Refreshment Schedule -

September Little Kohler & Waubeka
October Leaders Board
November Town & Country
January Holy Cross & Jay Road
March Cloverleaf & Lakeview
May Covered Bridge
June Lindenwood

July Deckers Corners & Knellsville

Report respectfully submitted by, Recording Secretary, Lori Hosseini