

Thursday, January 15th, 2026, Leaders Association Board Meeting

Quorum = 7 (do not count President)

The meeting was called to order by Audrey H at 6:06 pm.

Attendance: Lisa Fellenz, Amy Gierach, Deanna Lee, Lori Hosseini, Laura Prah, Ann Schultz, Jess Vento, Audrey H. (Quorum?)

Special Visitors:
Abi Quinlan (4-H Extension Educator)

Approved absence (AA):

Absent (A):

To be added into the minutes going forward to track attendance and adhere to ByLaws Article XI Section 6.

Only to be used in the event of an absence. Copy forward with info for each year of term, Oct-Sept.

Month	Lisa Fellenz	Amy Gierach	Katie Harris	Lori Hosseini	Laura Prah	Ann Schultz	Deanna Lee	Erin Puro	Jess Vento	Audrey H.	Sydney V.
Oct			A								
Nov			A					AA			
Dec							AA	A			AA
Jan			AA					AA			AA
Feb											
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Call to order

Approval of Secretary's Report:

Corrections proposed to the December 2026 Secretary's Report: one spelling error, resolved.

Jess Vento motioned to approve the corrected December 2026 Secretary's Report; Amy Gierach seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion approved.

Filing of Treasurer's Report:

Business Checking PWSB: \$ 87292.26
Business Money Market PWSB: \$ 62850.98
Sub Accounts: \$ Not available this month

Notable expenses: Haunt expenses, Camp Lakota check

Deposits of note: zero

Lisa Fellenz, Financial Treasurer, shared that our storage unit expense increased.

Amy Gierach motioned to file treasurers report and Ann Schultz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4-H Program Educator Update: Provided by Abi Quinlan

- Abi will provide at the regular Leaders Association meeting, following the Board meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- Haunt:
 - Lori Hosseini brought forward a discussion about Haunt scholarship money. A discussion occurred at the Haunt Committee meeting, and it was suggested to bring back to the Board, about whether additional funds for the Haunt scholarships can be made available, as the amounts have not changed since the Haunt began and inflation has increased college costs significantly. This will have a larger discussion at the general Leaders Association meeting to allow leaders to provide input.
 - A discussion followed about how the Haunt scholarship recipients are chosen and how they are presented.
 - A Google form with questions for leaders was sent out. Deanna Lee wondered how will the responses/questions will be used. She feels the future of the Haunt is not necessarily a Board decision. Laura PrahL shared that Abi Quinlan feels it is the Board's responsibility, as we are liable. Jess Vento shared that it would be good to share a summary of the responses that are received from the questionnaire. Amy Gierach shared that one anonymous leader said that safety protocols were not followed, and feels that this issues would need to be addressed. The situation that occurred was that several youth who are not in 4-H were working on the Build, with one friend who was in 4-H.
 - Laura PrahL suggested we will send a letter out to everyone thanking them for their input and with the decision.
- 4H Directory: some volunteers are not approved yet and are sitting on Boards. This cannot be published until they are approved. These lists have been sent out to the General Leaders as well.

- Fair Theme: Youth Council voted to go back to the drawing board as they didn't like any of the submissions.
- 2026 4-H Foundation Bowl A Thon Lane Sponsorship: At the December meeting, Amy Gierach made a motion to donate \$500 towards a sponsorship. We agreed to do Gold sponsorship. The Foundation wants to know if we want to use our free lane? We will do so. We need to send a short description and any links needed for the sponsor of the month post. Laura Prahll will delegate this to our Social Media Manager, Danielle Gettelman. They will give us 10 free raffle tickets as well.
- Any other?
 - The owner from Delicately Delicious is interested in doing an event with our 4-H youth for Cake Decorating. This was originally going to be just with one club, but may be better as a county-wide event, with 4-H Foundation backing/funding. Lori Hosseini brought it forward to Abi Quinlan at the December meeting. Abi is going to meet with Jennifer from Delicately Delicious next week (mid/end of January 2026) about the cake decorating event. She will explore how our 4-H insurance works with regards to food items. If it doesn't work out with our insurance, she will set it up as a club event and still invite youth from the county.
 - Amy Gierach said the pottery class she assisted with setting up at Concordia was very successful!

NEW BUSINESS

- Clover Cafe - Dorothy is stepping back from this due to personal issues related to her husband's health. We need to have a succession plan and find additional volunteers to help run this. Steve is a co-chair but needs additional help. Dorothy's husband was the one who transported a lot of supplies to the fair several weeks beforehand and did a lot of the "physical" set up, as well as assisted her with many of the duties.
- Little Caesars Fundraiser - Abi forwarded an email from Little Caesar's about a fundraising opportunity for 4-H. They offer items to purchase and have shipped, as well as hot food items. We will provide the info to Brenda for review. It could also be offered to clubs too, for individual clubs to do fundraising.

CORRESPONDANCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Jess Vento motioned to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Lisa Fellenz seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Report respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Lori Hosseini.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 19th, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the TJMS Library in Port Washington, WI.