

June 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Amy Hein. Nathan Jamroze, Colleen Donaldson, & Claire Donaldson lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Lin Wozniowski, Christi Long, Linda Dillon, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Justine Gatlin, Jackie Gerner, Nathan Jamroz, Patti Nichols, Rebekah Lamb, Julie Ziese, Lisa Bubala, Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Debbie Nieman, Kristen Donaldson, Colleen Donaldson, Claire Donaldson, Sharon Harris, Kasey Wilhoit, and Jennifer Haynes.

The secretary's report for May has been on-line. Patti Nichols moved to accept the secretaries report. Debbie Nieman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Deposits for April were \$6450.00 and withdrawals were \$10,858.31, leaving a balance in the bank of \$52498.86. Linda Dillion moved to accept the treasurers report. Rebekah Lamb second. Motion carried. There was no endowment report.

Correspondence: None.

Special Discussion: Fair opportunities. Pepsi Day will be Friday August 1st from 9-1. Volunteers are needed to man the Pepsi Day Booth. While it is expected that these will be primarily Junior Leaders, other volunteers are welcome also. About 6-10 volunteers are needed. The money from the recycled Pepsi cans is donated to the Junior Leaders.

Farm Bureau is seeking 4-H members to bring their animals to the Dairy Barn for 1 hour shifts between 3-7 from the first Friday of the Fair to the second Saturday of the fair. People may due multiple shifts. They can bring different animals or the same animal if they work different shifts. Farm Bureau will pay \$10/shift. 4-H members will talk to the public about the care, raising, and training of their animal. The animals brought must be easy to handle and people friendly. Farm Bureau will be doing a scavenger hunt in the barns and people will bring their completed entry forms to the area where the 4-H member will be with their animal to turn in their paperwork.

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kasparian, Janet Kraynik: Nicole Kasparian was out of town, so there was no auction meeting on 6/26/2025

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi reported the Horse and Pony needs ads for their ad book. The schedule is down to its final tweaks.

Junior Leaders: Elaine Berrones and Nathan Jamroz. Nathan Jamroz reported the Junior Leaders were working on plans for the Ice Cream stand for the fair. They participated in the second annual Blood drive with the Sigma Phi Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the American Red Cross. It was successful.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Copies of the proposed by laws were passed out and gone over for their second reading. Comments on the questions raised last month about the by laws and whether more changes to the by-laws were needed were passed out. It was determined that the Horse and Pony and Auction committees could choose their own chairman with no requirement that they be a member of the County Committee Board of Directors. The only requirement is that they report monthly to the County Committee. Further it was determined that the way the by-laws are written there is no requirement that the chairman of the standing committees be members of the Board of Directors of the County Committee, just members of the County Committee. Preliminary approval of the original by-law revisions was moved by Patti Nichols and seconded by Kristen Donaldson. Motion passed. Patti Nichols moved to accept the recommendation that no further revisions were needed to the by-laws. Linda Dillon seconded. Motion passed. The changes will have their final vote at the July meeting.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner: No report

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Achievement Night: Amy Hein , Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Amy Hein reminded everyone that the new date for the Achievement Night was Sunday July 27th at 5:00. She wanted everyone to spread the word. The 4-H building will be open at 4:00 for the Ambassadors and their families only. People are encouraged to use the main gate as the fairgrounds will be closed to the public for set up. The security personal will be alerted that the 4-H members are coming in for the Achievement night.

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala reported that everything was taken care of

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniowski reported that all of the Ambassadors had completed their Ambassador projects except the two who were doing the Horse and Pony show in July.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette Dubord: Linda Dillon said there was nothing to report

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniowski indicated there was nothing to report

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham there was nothing to report

Trophies/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda Dillion reported that everything was done.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord indicated there was nothing to report

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniowski Amy Hein thanked Linda and Lin for the food provided for the County Committee.

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Jackie Gerner reported the Stock the Trailer banner was not in yet, but expected shortly. She encouraged everyone to spread the word although it could not be spread on social media yet.

Old Business:

4-H Building Improvements: Linda Dillon reported that the shelving had been picked up from JoAnn's. She also indicated that since the Fine Arts building had been condemned, we were going to be able to use a couple of their cases to set up the 4-H building this year.

Fair Entry is now open: Families are encouraged to sign up at the same time so they do not have to wait for approval to sign up more projects.

New Business:

Building Judging. Linda Dillon inquired where the money to give the judges water during judging came from. Jackie Gerner indicated the budget could handle that and a few snacks for the judges.

Barn Battle/Breakfast-Dinner volunteers needed. Amy Hein indicated she needed 2-3 volunteers for every breakfast and dinner since they had gotten so popular. At least 2 adults are needed at each meal. She needs people starting at 8:30-10:30 for breakfast and 4:00 -6:00 for dinner. She also needs volunteers on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to scramble eggs for the breakfast shift.

Dance. The Junior Leaders expressed an interest in bringing back the dances. Various options were discussed. In the end it was decided that from 8:00-10:00 PM on the second Friday of the fair would be the best time. Various locations were discussed. In the event that the weather is good, a location by the pavilion by the covered bridge was thought to be best. In the event of inclement weather, the back of the beef barn was thought to be best. A DJ will be secured. Volunteers will be needed to be at the dance.

Educator Comments:

Jennifer reminded everyone to be sure to meet all of the animal deadlines. It was decided that Patty Nichols and Kasey would take care of the animal education posters.

Kasey reminded everyone that the photography judging had been changed to 1:00 PM on Saturday July 12th at the extension office. The other projects, music posters and sports will be judged at 9:00 AM

Good of the Order:

Debbie Niemen indicated Pack Away Hunger would be coming to Crown Point on September 20th. Everyone should put that on their calendar.

The next meeting of the County Committee will be at the 4-H building at the Lake County Fairgrounds on Tuesday July 8th. Building set-up starts at 4:00. Dinner will be available about 5:30. The County Committee meeting and Junior Leader meetings are expected to start about 6:00.

Connie Brittingham moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Nieman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniowski