

**Kent County 4-H Leader's Meetings
January 20, 2009**

President Carole Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The American Pledge was led by Kristina Mujica and the 4-H Pledge was led by Jackie Jackson.

The Secretary's minutes were available to everyone in their packets. Linda Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Joelle Vincent. Motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Sullivan. Kristina Mujica made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kaya Kemp seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Jr. Council Report was given by Carole Fleming. They have their meeting going on right now. They are getting ready for the public speaking and the basket auction. The next meeting is Feb. 23 at 7:15 pm.

Military 4-H Partnership Report was given by Mr. Crouse. They have programs going on during the day. Rhonda Martall is in charge of the program. We are going to be seeing more of the kids at our events.

County Club Updates:

- Exchange Group- Linda reported that they had a meeting tonight. They have 9 kids and two adults coming from Missouri. They will be here from June 28-July 5. The next meeting is on Feb. 23 at 6:00 pm.
- Archery Club- Pat Sullivan gave a report. He had about 50 kids between the two shots. The next meeting is on Feb. 8.
- Dance Club-They meet on the 1st and 3rd of every month on Wednesday.

Old Business:

County Trim A Tree Contest- We had 18 trees and 2 of them were cloverbud groups. Mr. Crouse said that everyone did a great job with the trees.

Public Speaking Contest Training- Mr. Crouse said the room was full. There were 14 to 15 kids there.

Livestock Judging Training Forms- The members need to fill out the forms in the newsletter and return them to the 4-H office. You can call the office if you would like to do the training.

Holiday Fun Day- Robin Harvey reported that there were a lot of gingerbread house and fewer trees. Everyone did a great job. Location was good and the Jr. Council members did a nice job with the crafts. Plans are being set for next year at the fair.

Teddy Bear Drive-We collect 777 bears.

Holiday Skating Party- Elaine Webb reported that she thought it was the best attended. There were over 200 kids there.

First Night Dover- Kristina Mujica reported that she helped with the craft area. There were 8 different crafts for the kids coming in to do.

International Foods & Share The Fun Talent Show- Jackie Jackson reported that they food was good this year. We had a good turn out. The talent show was still low this year.

Junior Leader Weekend- This event was held on Jan. 17-18. There were 15 in attended and 4 of them were from the military. They went to the movies and started to plan their younger member weekend.

State Camp Scholarships- Applications are due 1/20/09. Mr. Crouse will take late ones.

State Record Book Training- Mr. Crouse reported that we had our third meeting and so far we have 8 kids doing one. This is for National 4-H Congress. No one show up on 1/20/09.

Update on Joy Sparks- Mr. Crouse reported that he went and saw her on Thursday at the hospital. Joy is in good sprit. We have decided to table what we were going to do as a group until the next meeting which is on Feb. 17.

New Business:

State Leader form-This event is on Jan. 24, 2009 at Del Tech in Georgetown. It is from 8:30am to 3:00pm. ALL LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!

Public Speaking Contest- This event is on Feb. 1, 2009 at the Kent County Levy Court Building starting at 2:00 pm. New this year: cloverbud participation. Entries are due to the 4-H office by Jan. 23rd.

Livestock Overnighter- This event will be on Feb. 14-15, 2009. Registrations are due by Feb. 2, 2009 to the 4-H office.

Honeybee Contest Essay are due on Feb. 1, 2009.

State Teen Conference-This event is on Feb. 7 and 8 2009 at the Courtyard Marriott, in Newark DE.

4-H Winter Fun Day-This event is on Feb. 22, 2009 at the 4-H office from 2 to 4pm. This event is sponsored by the Kent County 4-H Links.

Favorite Foods Contest- The contest is on March 7, 2009 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in the Exhibit hall. Training is on Feb. 12, 2009 at the 4-H office at 6:30 p.m. and the applications are due Feb. 19, 2009.

County Project Book Training- This training will take place on Feb. 17, 2009 at the 4-H office beginning at 6:00pm.

Photography and Woodworking Judging Contest Training- This training will take place at the 4-H office on Feb. 19, 2009 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Day Camp Counselors Training- This training will take place on Feb. 19, 2009 at the 4-H office. New Counselors are meeting at 6:00 p.m. and all counselors are meeting at 7:00 p.m.

County Photography Contest- Entries are due on Feb. 19, 2009 to the 4-H office.

National 4-H Photography Contest- Entries are due on March 31, 2009.

State 4-H Horse Bowl- This event is on March 14, 2009 at Lake Forest North Elementary beginning at 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade- This event is on March 14, 2009 in Dover and the parade begins at 2:00 p.m.

County Basket Auction- This event is on March 27, 2009 at the Felton Fire Hall. Club Basket forms are in the leaders packet.

2010 Leader Form- Linda Sullivan gave a reported asking for more leaders to enjoy the committees.

Heather Crouse read some thank you notes.

Agent Comments:

Legislative Day- This event will be on April 1, 2009.

State Camp-Camp Critical Zone is from June 11-13. **State Camp Week 1** is from June 15-20. **State Camp Week 2** is from June 22-27. Applications to be mailed approx. March 1st. Applications to be returned with postmark of April 1st or later.

2009 Arbor Day Poster Contest- The deadline is on March 1, 2009. The theme is "Trees are Terrific...in Cities and Towns!" More Information is in our 4-H office.

Delaware 4-H Equine Art Contest- Entries are due on April 17, 2009 to the 4-H office.

Lisa Berry reported that one of our 4-H families had a house fire and they are homeless. The family is Sandy and Mike Crowe.

A motion was made by Joelle Vincent and seconded by Elaine Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Crouse
Secretary