

Washburn County 4H Planning Retreat August 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 10, 2025, August at 2:00pm

PRESENT: Isaac Dallager (President), Annette Dallager (Secretary), Terri Johnson (Treasurer), Beth Rank (Extension Agent), Barry Zwisler, Austin D., Evalyn D., Emma R., Owen R., Deb Allen, Angie Anderson, Kevin Johnson

Minutes: August 2025 minutes were read.

Reflecting/Survey

- I. County 4-H Year:
 - a. Calendar: add a Facebook page and post it there; online and print forms are good, can be sent with welcome letter through mail.
 - b. Communication: Possible Ad Hoc communication committee under Leaders.
- II. County Promotions:
 - a. Enrollment: Possibly posting 4-H Family Handbook; mailing welcome letter to include welcome letter, calendar, funding policy, possibly the family handbook, when families complete online enrollment
 - b. Tee Shirts: Possibly change it up to a hat (baseball cap/stocking) Jr. Leaders will work on this.
 - c. Carnival: Try something new. Open house or another promotional event.
- III. 4-H Projects:
 - a. Project Days: Spreading them out over the year.
 - b. Project Meetings: matching leaders with members who have skills in projects
 - c. Demonstrations: Jr. Leaders facilitate a demonstration day where they demonstrate and encourage younger members to do a demonstration.
- IV. Food/Clothing Review: Run separate events from Cultural arts day. 2 judges
- V. Cultural Arts Fest: Give presenters an audience; combine with promotions and Open House.
- VI. Food Stand: Workflow going well. Roll definition. Less food options. Request 2hr commitment from each club in the ice-cream stand.
- VII. 4-H Members recognize that there are participants at the fair who would benefit from a separate category for special needs. This needs to go before the fair board. A civic project can be formed, and the interested members can put a plan together to present to the fair board.

Smart Goals for the Leaders Association

- I. Working on communications through different media options.
- II. Welcome and expand the group in committee and event planning through new ideas, ownership, empowerment, and reasonable commitment timeline.
- III. Roll out of Welcome Packet and Club notification of new members.

Calendar/Plan/Do

- I. Discussed and completed a calendar of events for 2024-2025.

Submitted by: Annette Dallager, Secretary