

Racine County 4-H Adult Leaders Association (ALA) Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025

We gathered with the Junior Leaders in the auditorium to hear a presentation from Michelle & Shannon Bartelson about their experiences at Fall Forum last fall.

Our business meeting began at 7:17, in Room C of the Ives Grove County Office Building.

Attendance was taken via sign in:

Board Members present included: Heather Kraus, Andrea VanDan, Erin Tornow, Michelle Roberts, Kory Small, Devon Collery, Kathy Ehrhart, Kim Baclawski

Others present included: Matt Kristiansen, Mary Giese, Laura Matter, Brittany Weis, Jenny Hying, Laura Tiedeman, Veronica O'Dinero, Sam Johnson, Marie Frederick, Sandy Kress, Rachel Fidler, Jenny Weisensel

Excused Board members: Candy Ganhs, Kristina Krueger

Pledges were recited.

Ice Breaker – Participants shared if they made a bracket for March Madness.

The Secretary's Report from the February 24, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Mary Giese made a motion to approve the minutes. Jenny Hying seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report – Heather explained the treasurer's report that was shared. The total amount in all ALA accounts was \$139,983.42 as of March 24, 2025. There will be another Zeffy deposit from online fundraiser orders. The committee has been very pleased with Zeffy for online payments. So far, using Zeffy versus Stripe has saved us \$1,482.

Extension Updates:

Club Dues – It was clarified that the invoiced amount goes to Extension. Any donation to Racine County 4-H goes directly to us, not to Extension. The donation request was not noted on the invoices but was later sent as a separate follow up email, so hopefully all clubs will consider it.

Committee Reports:

Fundraiser – So far, we have approximately \$21,000 in traditional paper forms and approximately \$34,000 in online sales. Next year, the committee is anticipating that all families can submit their orders via Zeffy and those who wish to can enter "cash" as payment and write their check to 4-H later.

Art 4 All – was successful, with about 80 participants and about 30 volunteers. The feedback was extremely positive, too!

Cloverbud Fun Day – plans are in the works! The event is Saturday, April 12, 8:30-11 am at Raymond Town Hall. A registration confirmation was sent to all families who registered, along with a request for parents to stay as chaperones, to support the Junior Leaders who are organizing and leading the day.

Rollerskating – went well, with about 110 skaters. Ashley Schaal attended and participated in the fun, with her Outstanding Teen tiara & sash on!

Endowment – has made their decision and will share it with the Board of Directors.

Record Book – The committee is working on the “tips” page. They are also creating a list of “talking points” for the Ambassadors to present at club meetings.

Old Business:

Kiwanis – Sam delivered their “Friend of 4-H” award recently. The Kiwanis members have offered to come to our Recognition Celebration to help with the event and present the awards right there, rather than at their own dinner.

Restructuring – Kim shared that anyone is welcome to attend Board of Directors meetings to join in the discussion about restructuring. A major point we have confirmed is that all meetings need to include youth.

We anticipate that the Junior Leaders Association will stay the same. “Racine County 4-H Leaders Association” would include both adults and youth.

Mary Giese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Roberts seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy Ehrhart
Secretary, Racine County 4-H Adult Leaders Association*