

Racine County 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2026

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Kory Small in the Ives Grove County Office auditorium

Attendance was taken via sign-in

Officer		Present	On Zoom	Excused	Absent
<i>President</i>	Kory Small	x			
<i>Vice President</i>	Kim Baclawski	x			
<i>Secretary</i>	Kaylei Schoof	x			
<i>Secretary</i>	Ella Sagan	x			
<i>Treasurer</i>	Heather Kraus	x			
<i>Director At Large</i>	Devon Collery	x			
<i>Director At Large</i>	Andrea Van Dan	x			
<i>Director At Large</i>	Stephanie Kurt			x	
<i>Director At Large</i>	Daisy Gerhand	x			
<i>Director At Large</i>	Taylor Jacobson	x			
<i>Fair Board Rep.</i>	Michelle Roberts	x			

Other attendees- Michelle Schoof, Liz Vazquez, Ashley Schaal, Amy Gerhand, Jenny Hying, Makenna Menken, Dawn Menken, Jenny Weisensel, Matt Kristianson, Audra Bird, Aleksandra Zamecnik

Pledges were recited

Ice Breaker- Went around and shared name and club

The Secretary's Report- from the April 2nd BOD meeting was reviewed. Ella Sagan made a motion to approve the minutes, and Andrea Van Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report- Heather Kraus explained the report that was shared. The total in all ALA accounts on 4/30/2026 was \$170,138.83. The report will be filed for audit.

Extension Updates-

- If anyone wants to be notified about county updates, have them email Liz and she can add them to the Friday Wrap Ups

Committee Reports-

- **County Fundraiser-** Sales were down this year and every club but one participated. There are extra discount cards, which will be placed at local businesses so they can sell them for us. Pick up was on May 2nd at the Ives Grove County Office Building from 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM. Sold a month later this year; March instead of February.
- **Communication Arts Festival-** The event went really well and the event had a good turnout. There were 21 4-Hers in attendance. It was suggested to have either Ambassadors, Outstanding Teens, or event chairs to go around and share about their experience to promote the event.
- **Open House-** Will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at Raymond Elementary School. There will be a scavenger hunt to make the event more engaging for prospective families. The ambassadors will be making food again this year. It was suggested to promote the event to current families to expose them to all the opportunities in 4-H.
- **Call Booth-** Planning is in process for this year! The vendor ad form might be sent out before the fair to allow for vendors to fill out the form before Wednesday morning. The committee might be going digital to allow for money to be tracked more conveniently. The Call Booth could also be used to advertise various 4-H events such as Open House or the STEM Day.
- **Cloverbud Day Camp-** Will be August 6th at School Yard Park, Junior Leader Applications have been sent out and are due May 15th. Cloverbud registration will be sent out soon.
- **Cloverbud Fun Day-** Great job to all of the Junior leaders who helped out at the event, it was a huge success!

Old Business-

- **Youth Building Supervision sign-up** Clubs signed up at the last meeting for time slots to supervise the Youth Building at the fair this year.
- **Stamps**- Heather requested the purchase of two rolls of stamps for the treasurer.
- **Dog Project**- The dog project asked if they could use the raffle license for the dog show.
- **YQCA In-Person Training**- Union Grove FFA hosted an in-person training on April 23 in the Union Grove High School Auditorium at 6:00 PM.
- **Scholarship Committee**- All six scholarships will be handed out this month!

New Business-

- **STEM Proposal**- Proposal was sent out for this new event. They are asking to be put in the budget for next year, which will need to be voted on by the Leaders Association. The event will be held in the fall, and the goal is to have four groups of 15 youth rotating through the 4 STEM categories. The event will be for all ages and will utilize some materials that are in the basement at Ives.
- **Project Assets List**- The Leaders Association needs to maintain a list of County project assets for insurance. The completed list is wanted by the end of the month.
- **Dues**- It was brought up what benefits does the county receive from the dues that are paid - risk insurance, camps and certain projects, club leader training, project spotlights, and replacing equipment. Certain clubs will charge more to pay for their overall needs.
- **Raffle License**- Ambassadors are asking if they could use the raffle license for the raffle baskets at the fair. Kory Small made a motion for ambassadors to use the raffle license and Daisy Gerhand seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- **Ambassador Retreat**- In previous years the ambassadors retreat was run by ambassadors, but open to all junior leaders. Some board members feel that an ambassador-only retreat needs to be rethought for future years to allow for more collaboration among Junior Leaders. A decision will be made at the next ambassador meeting
- **Base Camp**- Registration will be going out soon for campers. 10 counselors have been selected between both Kenosha and Racine County 4-H's.
- **Adventure Camp**- Registration is closed for campers, and the event is next month.
- **Sewing Fund**- Over \$3,000 was donated! Youth can apply to receive some of this money for project needs.

Had a Honor Court presentation from the members!

Daisy Gerhand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Roberts seconded the motion. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaylei Schoof and Ella Sagan

Racine Co. 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors Co. Secretaries