

Racine County 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2026

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:02 p.m. by Mary Giese in the Ives Grove County Office auditorium.

Attendance was taken via sign-in

Officer	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
<i>President</i>	Mary Giese	x		
<i>Vice President</i>	Christy Schamber	x		
<i>Secretary</i>	Kaylei Schoof	x		
<i>Secretary</i>	Ella Sagan	x		
<i>Treasurer</i>	Heather Kraus		x	
<i>Director At Large</i>	Stephanie Kurt	x		
<i>Director At Large</i>	Devon Collery		x	
<i>Director At Large</i>	Rabeka Liberto		x	
<i>Director At Large</i>	Taylor Jacobson	x		
<i>Director At Large</i>	Brooklyn Kurt			x
<i>Fair Board Rep.</i>	Michelle Roberts	x		

Other attendees: Michelle Schoof, Caitlin Mutter, Jenny Hying, Andrew Grimes, Sophia Kress, Sandy Kress, Liam Donald, Jenny Weisensel, Amy Grimes, Marie Mutter, Cassandra Tolefree, Marie Frederick, Representative Robert Wittke

Pledges were recited

Ice Breaker- We went around the room and shared our name, club and 4-H role

The Secretary's Report- from the August 6th Leaders Association meeting was reviewed. Stephanie Kurt made a motion to approve the minutes, and Marie Frederick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report- Mary Giese explained the report that was shared in Heather Kraus' absence. The total in all ALA accounts on 8/31/2026 was \$164,947.42. The report will be filed for audit.

Extension Updates-

- Cassandra brought a couple of thank you notes for the Leaders Association that were sent to Extension
- Cassandra also promoted the Goosechase that she created for National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week is October 4th -10th

President's Report-

- If you are in charge of a committee and have created a system of how things are completed, please consider writing up a procedure and sending it to Mary Giese

Committee Reports-

There are still numerous empty spots on the committee sign up, please consider signing up!

- **Fair Board-** Michelle Roberts shared with us that the fair superintendents were very pleased with the youth's work on their projects!
- **Kiwanis Award-** The application is now out and is due on October 12th!
- **Kiwanis Peanut Day-** Being held on October 3rd. There are five different locations this year
- **Night With the Stars-** The theme is Hollywood and is being held on November 27th -28th. Please watch for more information!
- **Recognition Celebration-** The event is being held on December 6th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Due to the event being held in December instead of November, issues with various trips and awards, such as Honor Court may arise.
- **Record Book-** If any General Leaders notice any issues with the record book while reviewing them please contact the committee. It was also brought up about having a county wide record book help night, instead of individual club help nights.

Old Business-

- **Call Booth-** There were a few issues with having ads that were too political read during the fair. There was discussion about having better training for the youth and adults on what commercials are acceptable.
- **Elections-** Elections were held at the August 6th meeting
- **Racine County Fair-** Someone brought how she saw Ambassadors working the Large animal auction that were wearing inappropriate clothing.
- **Fair Clean Up-** At the last meeting it was discussed to possibly have the Fair Board Representative reach out to the Fair Board in the spring to set up after fair clean up.
- **New Leaders Association Meeting Time and Date-** At the August meeting a motion was passed to move the Leaders Association Meeting to 6:00-7:00 on the 4th Monday of each month.
- **Open House-** Numbers were definitely down this year. It was discussed what could be done to increase the number of people who come to Open House. We could possibly host the Open House while school is in session, or change the location to around the county.
- **Representative Wittke-** He attended tonight's meeting and shared about his interest in recognizing Racine County 4-H members at the Wisconsin level for various achievements. Representative Wittke is also interested in attending the Recognition Celebration. Additionally, he requested that information about various 4-H events (Open House, etc.) be sent to his office so they can promote the events on their social media. An email will be sent out to gather ideas about what he could do to recognize Racine County 4-H youth!

New Business-

- **New Officer Installation-** All newly elected officers were inducted at tonight's JLA meeting.
- **OT Sash-** Thinking of adding the year onto the OT sash along with making the sashes longer. It was also discussed to have the previous OTs attend Holiday Ball to take a picture together with the newly selected Outstanding Teens.
- **Painting-** someone reached out to Jenny Weisensel about an agricultural painting that they would like to donate. If anyone has any ideas where it could be donated, please email Jenny.

Andrew Grimes gave us a presentation about the American Spirit experience which he went on this past summer.

Stephaine Kurt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Taylor Jacobson seconded the motion. The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaylei Schoof and Ella Sagan

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