Racine County 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2026

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:06 p.m. by Mary Giese in the Ives Grove County Office auditorium.

Attendance was taken via sign-in

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

Other attendees: Michelle Schoof, Cass Tolefree, Marie Frederick, Jenny Weisensel, Sophia Kress, Sandy Kress, Liam Donald, Jenny Hying

Pledges were recited

The Secretary's Report- from the September 28th Leaders Association meeting was reviewed. Christy Schamber made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mary Giese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report- Heather Kraus explained the report that was shared. The total in all ALA accounts on 9/30/2026 was $165,542.05. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence-

- We received two thank you cards.

Extension Updates-

- There have been some issues with 4-H Online and Liz reached out to the State to see what can be done to fix the issues.
- Extension is hosting a 'Skill-A-Thon' in January and is looking for volunteers to lead a session to teach 4-H members valuable life skills.

President's Report-

- Instead of waiting for people to read through the minutes at the meeting, the Leaders Association Officers should read through the minutes before the meeting to streamline the meeting process.
- Mary Giese will be hosting a meeting for Club General Leaders to determine what funding the Clubs need for programing or events from the County.
- If anyone has anything they ever want added to the agenda, please email Mary by the Monday before the meeting.
- The Leaders Association President email is racinecountylapresident@gmail.com

Committee Reports-

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

- **Awards and Experiences-** Interviews will be held next week. The committee is still working on trying to secure a location for the interviews to be held at. Awards and Experiences were also available to 3rd-5th graders this year along with a write in for other State Trips that youth were interested in.
- **Bylaw Committee-** Christy Schamber would like to get started on finishing the Bylaws and for anyone that is interested in joining please email Christy.
- **Holiday Ball-** Marie Frederick will be joining the planning committee this year. We talked about possibly opening the Holiday Ball planning to all Junior Leaders due to the Recognition Celebration being later this year. Also possibly get polos or sashes for the Honor Court to promote them more.

- **Kiwanis Award-** Thank you to all the youth that applied and everyone that volunteered to be on the committee!
- **Night With the Stars-** The theme is Hollywood and is being held on November 27th - 28th. Counselor applications and camper registration are due on October 28th. There are currently 21 campers signed up.
- **Recognition Celebration-** The event is being held on December 6th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Old Business-

- **New Officer Installation-** All newly elected officers were inducted at September's JLA meeting.
- **OT Sash-** 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.
- **Representative Wittke-** Please give feedback on how Representative Wittke should honor outstanding Racine County 4-H Youth.

New Business-

- **Committee Organization-** There is a power point that has been made to highlight the fact that each person has a role on a committee and that no chair should feel that they have to run everything. Liz will share the Powerpoint with the entire County.
- **County Funded Field Trips-** Mary Giese wants to start to see the Leaders Association plan events for the county such as a picnic or outing to promote community among the Racine County 4-H Program as a whole. Jenny Weisensel would like to see more community outreach completed with money in the Leaders Association account.

Jenny Hying made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Kraus seconded the motion. The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaylei Schoof and Ella Sagan
Racine Co. 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors Co. Secretaries