

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 8, 2008

PRESENT: Jason Dobbs, Mark Watkins, Sr., Tina Mann, Eloisa Gomez, Renee Marek, Sharon Eberhardt, Mark Watkins, Jr., Laura Brushaber.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by president, Jason Dobbs.

The minutes of the last meeting were sent to board members – dismissed.

Mark announced that the Leaders Association will no longer be handling the special account for the office.

Eloisa reviewed the report from Angela. Concern was expressed over the amount of Angela's time that is spent on 'temporary' type summer clubs. Angela's focus will be on: Recruitment Campaign, Leader Training, Office training, ownership of 4-H calendar to Angela.

Eloisa announced that the extension office will be moving to a different building in the future and as of today is not certain where or when the move will be. Eloisa will let Jason know details so that he can inform the Leaders Association membership.

Mark announced that he will ask Terese Peterson to move the state fair selected exhibits to State Fair. Mark also announced that on Tuesday, July 28th, they are in need of helpers to set up State Fair. If you are interested, contact Mark.

Tina, Char, Diane Garhardt and the Marek family will be at the fair on Sunday to help out in the action center and auction areas. Renee announced that an email letter went out to all Music/Drama and Communication Arts participants asking them to perform at the county fair. Renee also mentioned that there are 10 state fair items from last year's county fair plus we will be choosing five new items to be displayed at this year's State Fair.

Fair Board – Extension staff cannot be on a fair board and the Leaders Association will not run the fair board. Extension is exploring this situation.

This fall 4-H will be celebrating 80 years of 4-H in Milwaukee County. Celebration will be held at State Fair's Harvest Fest the last weekend in September. Representatives from the Leaders Association will be needed to help on the planning committee for this celebration. Suggestions for the event at Harvest fest were: Hold Cloverbud graduation at this time, Hold Parade of Champions at this time, Have member and leader awards presented at this time, do a big promotion of 4-H in Milwaukee. Jason will work at the promotion; Tina will work with the awards. The event will have a 4-H Reunion type theme. Concessions will need our help – two people are needed. This will be a fund-raiser.

Mark updated members on Exploring Saturday events. He also reviewed State Conference – said it was a good session where all took part in a world café activity – service learning activity about the environment. He also said that grants are available to clubs who want to do activities.

Roles of Extension and Leaders Association were discussed. Extension’s role includes planning calendar, forming events and committees, programming, training and support. Leaders Association role includes funding activities, policy, leaders recognition and training, 4-H promotion.

Discussion was held regarding the number of board members and roles of standing committees.

Vacancies on board were discussed. Sharon moved to appoint Mark Watkins, Jr. to the office of Vice President for the remainder of the year. Laura seconded the motion. Approved.

Thank you letters were received from the 4-H Foundation and the Zoo.

There will not be a board meeting in August. Discussion was held regarding the meeting date for the September meeting and it was decided to meet on the second Thursday in September – September 11th, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Tina moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sharon seconded the motion.

Tonight is Renee’s last meeting on the board of directors as she is leaving Milwaukee County 4-H. Thanks were given to Renee for her service on the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 (NOTE THIS IS A THURSDAY)
BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brushaber, Secretary