

Buffalo County Leader's Association
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 16, 2025
Walker's Silvermoon- Alma, WI

President Ashley Ellis called to order the regular meeting of the Buffalo County Leader's Association at 6:22 pm, with the following members present : Gennah Bremer, Whitney Ellis, Laurie Bauer, Linda Larson, Stephanie Foust, Patty George, Ashley Ellis, Lacy Bork, Katie Mayer, Jennifer Roetter, Laura Berger, Abby George, Doug George, Deanna Hayden, Jen Brenden, Kathy Jardine, Rachel Golden, Elizabeth Sheldon, Kathy Noll, Janna Herold, Shelly Olson, Jennifer Sandberg, Stephanie Noll, Logan Mayer, Owen Mayer, Jaden Brenden, Emma Pearl Jardine, Ethan Sheldon, Lila Sheldon, Natalie Sheldon, Eli Sandberg.

Motion by Emma Pearl Jardine, seconded by Logan Mayer, to approve the Secretary's report from our last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Laurie Bauer, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Bianca gave updates on the 4-H program.

- 7 clubs participated in the lawn displays, each club received \$20, Lookout Legends won the pizza party reward.
- Green out went well, a lot of youth participated.
- 25 record books were turned in, reviewed, and given back to clubs.
- Spooky in a Jar had lots of participants as well.
- Clover by 4-H is the November challenge, check out the website for details.
- Thrive Survey, encourage people to do the survey for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon Gift card.
- Cheerful Workers 4-H club did the Spark project and submitted to the WI Extension and won a \$50 Visa gift card.
- 4-H Educator- is reopen to applicants. They are taking applications and encourage people to ask others to apply if interested. Interview dates are set.

Old Business

- Jaden Brenden & Emma Pearl Jardine participated. They had a lot of fun with the activities they signed up for and participated in at Fall Forum.
- 4-H Fundraising committee- need a couple more people to sign up to help Patty & Shelly with the cash raffle tickets again this year.
- 4-H Food Stand- decided we needed to form a group to run and set up the food stands this year. Gennah Bremer and Lacy Bork volunteers. Looking for a couple more people to help them.
- Nominations for Friends of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, 4-H Alumni, Servant Award; please submit your nominations to Roxane or Bianca. Awards will be presented at the Leaders meeting in January.

Motion by Patty George, seconded by Linda Larson, was made for the officers team to make the decision for the awards.

New Business

- 2026 Proposed Budget
 - Additional Budget \$10,000 to \$15,000 this year
 - Form a Food Stand Committee
 - Food Stand upgrades, budgeted \$3,000 to make any improvements necessary
 - Hire a Food Stand Coordinator, this would be a paid position, budgeted \$2,000
 - Summer Intern, No one last year because of no educator
 - Added a Community Service to the proposal, hope to promote another one again this year.
- Form a committee for trips
 - Decided on how much to contribute
 - Promote the trips for the youth to participate in.
 - Keep on the agenda for the next meeting, see how many kids are interested.

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Laurie Bauer, to approve the budget for 2026.

- Scholarships/Travel Experiences
 - Extended the deadline applications to December 1st
 - The Officers Team will do interviews on Jan 18th before the Leaders meeting.
 - List of the requirements and bring the interviews back in person.
 - No applicants as of to date.
 - Extend the applications til Jan 1st.
- Youth Leaders will conduct the meeting on January 18th
- 2026 Festival of Arts
 - Discussion of moving the date from a Sunday afternoon in February
 - Talked about doing more hands-on activities and not showing art since the participants don't receive a premium.
 - Bianca will send out a survey to all 4-H members
- 2026 Program Priorities
 - Will depend on if a 4-H educator is hired.
 - A team of volunteer leaders that could have or host camps or activities, nothing overnight just day camps.
 - We should ask Sarah to do some homework to see if other counties would include our county in some camps.
- Service Learning
 - Come up with some ideas for the January meeting

From Rachel Golden

- Dates for weigh ins and tags are on the Buffalo Co Fair Association Website
- Samantha Klem will be hosting the YQCA training for youth.
- 4-H members that received premium checks need to get them fair cashed in ASAP.

Next meeting will be Sunday January 18th, 2026, at the Alma Courthouse at 6pm. Led by the youth leaders.

Motion by Lacy Bork, seconded by Emma Pearl Jordine, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Gennah Bremer, Secretary