

November 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Amy Hein. The pledges were led by the two new Jr Leader representatives, Anna and Garret .

Roll Call: Present were: Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniowski, Amy Hein, Lisa Bubala, Justine Gatlin, Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Debbie Nieman, Rebekah Lamb, Christy Long, Stephanie Neal, Kristen Donaldson, Connie Brittingham, Jackie Gerner, Judy Dawson, Linda Dillon, Annalyse Neal, Garret Neal, Megan Bush, Lynette DuBord, Sandy Monroe, Janet Kraynik, Kasey Wilhoit, and Jennifer Haynes.

The secretary's report for September has been on-line. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the secretaries report Lisa Bubala seconded. Motion carried,

Treasurer's Report In November there were deposits of \$1,000.00 and withdrawals of \$493.73, leaving a balance in the bank of \$35,697.49 Kristen Donaldson moved to accept the treasurers report. Judy Dawson second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Special Discussion: Renee and Noah from Farm Credit were present to present the check for \$5500.00 for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Northern half of Indiana Stock the Trailer contest. They noted it was only Lake County's 3<sup>rd</sup> year participating in the program and that Lake County collected 50,000 lbs more than any other county, not only in Indiana, but in any state participating in the program ever collected. They also noted that next year Farm Credit is going to allow the meat donations from the 4-H Auction that go to the food pantries to count in the total weight also. The food pantries were extremely grateful for the donations.

#### **Sub Committee Reports:**

Auction: Nicole Kaskperian, Janet Kraynik: After elections, the officers of the Auction Committee did not change. Due to Nicole being ill, the auction meeting of 11/20/2025 was cancelled.

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi Long indicated the committee was working on next year.

Junior Leaders: Annalyse and Garret Neal: Annalyse reported that the Completion Trip was Locked in at the Lake on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The next Junior Leader's meeting is a bowling meeting at Stardust on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Nothing to report.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniowski. Budgets to presented later in the meeting

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. Elections later in the meeting.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

Achievement Night: Amy Hein , Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Nothing to report

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, Sarah Busche, and Connie Brittingham. Nothing to report.

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski and Lynette DuBord: Lin Wozniowski reported the Ambassadors are deciding on their projects

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette DuBord. Lynette DuBord indicated they have been going through the pictures they have received. Linda Dillon indicated there would be another desert contest and encouraged everyone to enter something. The Ambassadors will again be judging the contest.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniowski suggested keeping the pricing for the geraniums the same. Janet Kraynik indicated selling the geraniums at that price would be below market value. Jackie Gerner indicated the treasury did not need any more money than we are projected to make if we sell all of the geraniums, we have contracted for assuming the budget did not change from what she intended to present later. The consensus was that if we did not need any more money, they would prefer to keep the price of the geraniums the same. Further discussion was tabled until after the presentation of the budget

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham reported that 4 memory books were turned in. Everyone was disappointed in the numbers. To counteract the trend, Lissa Bubala was suggested that we allow another category of memory book next year in the form of an electronic version. Everyone felt that was a good idea.

Trophy/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Nothing to report

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. There are some clubs running promotions for new members.

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniowski Amy Hein thanked Lin for the food provided for the County Committee.

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Checks will be going out to all the clubs with a letter indicating that if there is money to be divided up in the future it will go to the clubs that actually participate in the Stock the Trailer event. The committee will be surveying the food banks for suggestions on what foodstuffs they particularly need instead of going for just poundage next year.

Old Business: Election of superintendents: A list of superintendents that were not able to be voted on at the October meeting was posted in the agenda: Cake Decorating – Sandy Monroe, Communications – Writing – Lynn Spinks, Floriculture, add Sandy Monroe as co-superintendent, and Vet Science- Aidan Conley and Christy Millet.

Amy Hein asked 3 times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Amy called on Connie Brittingham who moved that the nominations be closed and asked that Amy cast a unanimous ballot for the above project superintendents. Linda Dillon seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Amy then read the nominees: President – Lisa Bubala. Vice President – Lin Wozniewski, Secretary – Kristen Donaldson, and Treasurer – Jackie Gerner.

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Approval of Budget: Budgets are attached as addendums. Jackie Gerner highlighted major differences between the proposed budgets and last year's budgets in the main County Committee budget. The Auction and Horse and Pony Budgets, which had been approved by their committees were just presented. Connie Brittingham moved to approve the budget. Rebekah Lamb seconded. Motion passed.

A discussion of the geranium prices followed and it was decided to leave the prices as they were in 2025. The geraniums will sell for \$1.92 each (\$34.56/flat). The clubs will get \$0.20 for each geranium sold. The clubs will sell geraniums during March. The pick-up date is Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Connie moved to accept these recommendations. Judy Dawson seconded, Motion passed

State 4-H Affiliate Summit – White County, Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:30. Jennifer and Kasey are looking for topics to be discussed at the summit. Interested parties can sign-up on 4-H Online. The cost is \$10.00

Educator Comments:

Jennifer indicated Lake County should be recruiting more Leaders and would appreciate some help with that.

Linda Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting. Janet Kraynik seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski

**Lake County 4H Club Committee, Inc**  
**2026 Preliminary Budget - 11/20/2025**

	<b>Board</b>	<b>Auction</b>	<b>Horse&amp;Pony</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>35,697.49</b>	<b>21,016.68</b>	<b>6,773.43</b>	<b>63,487.60</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Auction Income		200,000.00		<b>200,000.00</b>
Horse & Pony Income			6,200.00	<b>6,200.00</b>
4-H Handbook Income	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Achievements & Recognition				
Ambassador Awards	2,000.00			<b>2,000.00</b>
Annual Meeting Banquet	500.00			<b>500.00</b>
Citizenship Achievement Award	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Entomology Achievement Award	500.00			<b>500.00</b>
Goat Achievement Awards	500.00			<b>500.00</b>
High Point Ambassador	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Home Environment Award - HS	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Home Environment Award - MS	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Horse & Pony Achievement Award	200.00			<b>200.00</b>
Jr Leader Achievement Award	200.00			<b>200.00</b>
Leadership Achievement Awards	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Livestock Achievement Awards	500.00			<b>500.00</b>
Member/Leader Completion Pins	700.00			<b>700.00</b>
Middle School Achievement Awards	300.00			<b>300.00</b>
Royal Ambassador Awards	1,000.00			<b>1,000.00</b>
Science Achievement Award - HS	250.00			<b>250.00</b>
Science Achievement Award - MS	<u>250.00</u>			<u><b>250.00</b></u>
Total Achievement and Recognition	8,150.00			<b>8,150.00</b>
Fund Raising Income (Geraniums)	36,252.00			<b>36,252.00</b>
Endowment Fund Income	-			-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,652.00</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>250,852.00</b>