

September 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Amy Hein. Nathan Jamroz, Claire Donaldson and Anna Neal lead the pledges.

Roll Call: Present were: Connie Brittingham, Lin Wozniowski, Christi Long, Linda Dillon, Lynette DuBord, Amy Hein, Rebekah Lamb, Lisa Bubala, Judy Dawson, Kristen Donaldson, Claire Donaldson, Amber Johnson, Patti Nichols, Amber Miller, Reed Miller, Justine Gatlin, Amanda Woodworth, Stephanie Neal, Anna Neal, Garrett Neal, Nicole Kasparian, Ike Essary, Megan Bush, Sarah Bushe, and Jennifer Haynes.

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

Treasurer's Report Deposits for August were \$490.00 and withdrawals were \$3,325.94, leaving a balance in the bank of \$36,506.94. Patti Nichols moved to accept the treasurers report. Connie Brittingham second. Motion carried. There was no endowment report.

Correspondence: None

Special Discussion: It has been a rough week for Lake County 4-H. Jacob Schoenbeck, Prairie Pioneers, passed away September 19, 2025. Judy Dawson moved to donate \$50 in his honor to the Indiana 4-H Foundation, Lake County account. Rebecca Lamb seconded. Motion carried.

Sub Committee Reports:

Auction: Nicole Kasparian, Janet Kraynik: Nicole Kasparian indicated the auction results would be reviewed after the September meeting.

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christi reported the committee had reviewed the Fair at the last meeting

Junior Leaders: Anna Neal and Garret Neal: Anna Neal reported that the Junior Leaders had a call-out meeting on September 23 at Stoney Run County Park. It was well-attended. They had a cook-out, games, and a hayride. They had plans for a completion trip.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. None.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner: Amy Hein reported that permission had been granted from Purdue to get a debit card for the account. Lisa Bubala moved that Jackie Gerner be instructed to get a debit card for the account. Amber Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Jackie will be making a list of those allowed to use the card.

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasparian. Michelle Humbert resigned effective immediately. There is about a year and a third left on her term. There will be six openings for the board starting January 2026. Those running include: Nicole Kasparian, Rebecca Lamb, Connie Brittingham, and Judy Dawson. Several more people are thinking about it. The slate for officers include: President-Lisa Bubala, Vice President-Lin Wozniowski, Secretary-Kristen Donaldson, Treasurer-Jackie Gerner. Taking the required one year leave from the board will be Linda Dillion, Amy Hein, and Julie Ziese.

Standing Committee Reports

Achievement Night: Amy Hein, Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Amy Hein indicated there was nothing to report

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dillon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala indicated a lot of ROA's were submitted and the list of Ambassador Invites were passed on to the Ambassador Committee.

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniowski, Lynette DuBord. Lin Wozniowski reported the committee was firming up the Ambassador Kick-Off dinner after the County Committee meeting and as soon as that was done the invitations would be sent out and the list released.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette DuBord: Lynette DuBord announced the team needed family pictures – just a few per family to fill the theme for this year. She would like to get the pictures ASAP.

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniowski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniowski passed out a list of the proposed geranium order for 2026. It is just a slight tweak from the order placed for 2025. The proposed order is 345 flats of Red, 210 flats of Pink, 265 flats of White, and 240 flats of Salmon for a total of 1060 flats. Linda Dillon moved we put out bids for that order, Patti Nichols seconded. Motion carried

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham urged 4-H members to get their Memory Books in by November 1st.

Trophies/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. Linda reported they are looking to get more quotes. There was some discussion about the trophy tops for the animals.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lynette DuBord reminded everyone that the 4-H Kick Off will be Sunday October 5th from 1-3. The theme is One Size Fits All. Anyone having any 4-H T-Shirts is asked to loan them to the county to use as decorations. Be sure to have your club members come because there will be a lot of information on many of the 4-H projects. Come explore something you have never tried before. Jr. Leader and Ambassador help is needed. Lynette requested that everyone help get information out about the event to all schools and friends.

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

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasparian, Julie Ziese. Amy Hein reported we won the state of Indiana. This is resulting in some publicity that it is hoped will raise awareness of 4-H in Lake County and hence higher enrollment. This includes a Joy to the World podcast and Farm Credit Podcast.

Old Business:

Jackie needs to be bonded for her position as Treasurer. The bond needs to be renewed every 3 years, and it is time to renew the bond. Lisa Bubala moved to authorize the \$600.00 to purchase the 3 year bond on Jackie Gerner. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Michelle Humbert resigned her position effective immediately. She has roughly 1.5 years left on her first term. Connie Brittingham moved to table filling her position until the October meeting. Rebecca Lamb seconded. Motion passed

The list of how many participants were in which projects was presented. If the number of participants was traditionally low and did not improve, the project was looked at for removal. Genealogy and Consumer Clothing were recommended for removal. Connie Brittingham moved that we accept the list of projects from last year with the removal of Consumer Clothing and Genealogy. Amber Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

The list of meetings of County Committee for 2026 was presented. Lisa Bubala expressed a desire for a February meeting with the understanding that if the weather was bad the meeting could be moved to virtual or cancelled if necessary. Connie Brittingham moved that the list be accepted with the addition of a February 26th meeting. Linda Dillion seconded. Motion carried.

Educator Comments: Leader Registration is now open. You do not need to wait until October 1st to re-enroll. Depending on when the last time was that you went through the training videos, and which roles you sign up for you may need to take between 0-3 trainings.

Good of the Order: Lynette DuBord announced there would be a walk in honor of Jacob Schoenbeck on October 4th in Momence. She announced they were trying to put a collage together for the family, so if anyone has any pictures to include, please send them to her ASAP

The next meeting of the County Committee will be at the 4-H office on Thursday October 23. There will be an election of superintendents.

Judy Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Woodworth seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniowski