



# PORTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 20<sup>th</sup> , 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm – Heather Compton
2. PLEDGES American: Justin Higer (Justin forgot he was supposed to start it) ,4-H: Jacob Reed
3. MINUTES APPROVAL: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Edit from Bob “if approved” to “approved unanimously”. 1<sup>st</sup>: Lisa Teel ,2<sup>nd</sup>: Levi Oman. Approved Unanimously
4. TREASURER’S REPORT: Bob presented current budget with update of money set aside for 4-H Club Development & School outreach which was approved 3/18/25 (See attachment) Year to date spent \$11,153.75. Projected income is 114,050.00, Actual income \$100,355.00. Total Checking & savings at \$158,016.10. CD’s are now totaling \$290,500.00
5. EXTENSION REPORTS
  - a. JUNIOR LEADERS: Brianne Gratz: Working on weather balloon launch w/ VU. Date is potentially July 12 – An email with more information will go out from Jen
  - b. AG SOCIETY: No meeting. 5/19/25 a speaker “You Make the Difference” about volunteerism and keeping volunteers involved and growing. Ian Hill is doing presentations in each state with Fairs.com about growing the fair & a stronger sense of community.
  - c. EXTENSION BOARD: Connie Rudd: April 26<sup>th</sup> tree & fruit sale was a success, everything was sold. Still waiting on totals. Next meeting is 5/29/25.
  - d. EXTENSION EDUCATOR:
    - i. Enrollment 5/15/25: 989 kids enrolled. Animal ID day was 5/15, totals are in.
    - ii. Last in person YQCA is 6/2, June 25 is the deadline. 6/25 add drop day – contact office for those does.
    - iii. Club financials due 5/15 as well, needs info from a few clubs. Those missing will have notice by end of the week.
    - iv. Lions Club LOFS asked if we want to be part of the 4th of July Parade.
    - v. Fair Schedule Draft is out – Exec committee discussed setup dates w/ 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and moving set up/clean up day to be July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - vi. Area X tractor contest is June 11 qualifiers from Porter County to potentially go to the state fair.
    - vii. Please let Jen know any changes needed for the draft schedule.
    - viii. **Post Meeting Update: Barn & Building clean up is July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 5PM**
- e. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - i. EXECUTIVE: Met prior to meeting: Model Bridges changing testing & asking to be reimbursed for expenses, not to exceed \$500.00
    1. Move Swine account

2. making website – will come with email addresses for the executive board.
- ii. SCHOLARSHIP: Daryl Keller: Scholarship interviews concluded. Many great students. Awards will be changed to being awarded immediately rather than not paying out at the end of the first semester. No awards will be presented at awards nights. Jen will reach out to the winners and at battle of the barns the presentation and checks will be awarded.
- iii. BUDGET: No Meeting
- iv. BY LAWS : New committee Named: Asking for meeting in September after fair
- v. BATTLE OF THE BARN: 4-H taking over to help Lisa Rigg with a committee to help. First meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June, look for email
- vi. RULES: This will be disbanded – Rules will be moved to the By Law Committee
- vii. GRIEVANCE: Jen will chose who will sit on the committee per grievance, may be certain members and not others. Jen will send email to all on the council with guidelines & procedures.

f. Motion to accept all committee reports: 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Reed & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Teel, Unanimously approved.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. CLUB LETTER has been written by Heather and will be sent to all leaders of clubs.
- b. PURCHASE LARGE ANIMAL SCALE: Dairy & Beef found a scale for \$5500. Should be able to use w/ current frame. If not they will purchase something. We are waiting on shipping. Motion to approve purchase not to exceed \$7,000: 1<sup>st</sup>: Carmin Metzger & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Wilson. Unanimously approved
- c. SENIOR PRESENT: New Tshirts will be ordered in lieu of the past Amazon Gift Card

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum of Understanding Between 4-H council & extension. New updated from 2015. Required by end of January. Purdue currently has this for approval w/ Jamie volunteer specialist. This will be available upon completion with Purdue approval. Heather gave what is currently in place for approval for the roles of 4-H Educator & roles of the Council.
  - i. Vote for approval to sign: 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Teel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Levi Oman = Unanimous Approval
- b. Open House: Finding a date in October to set it up. Discussion of how to set up. Start advertising now to get superintendents interested & motivated to show up
- c. Letters of donation from Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc. for \$150.00 & from Kyle Gustafson Memorial Fund from Susan Daries for \$150.00 received by Council.

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- d. FAIR PREPERATION:
  - i. Discussion of Building updates. New stanchions ordered for display security.
  - ii. Discussion of building watch and something to give volunteers more "authority" when interacting with the public who may be touching projects
- e. SUMMER TRIPS: If you miss a deadline you're welcome to sign up & pay your own way. Camp: 22 campers attending w/ 8 counselors. 6K, Chaperones needed for Round Up (End of June) 33 attending from Porter Co. 8,250.00, Academy: 17 attending, need Chaperone riding the bus 4,250.00 – One band, 250 – Summer trips 12,750.00
- f. ICE Cream: Budgeted, once approved Meagan will schedule once the fair schedule is approved.
- g. LIBERTY SUNSETTERS: Sandy Russel would like to do something at Sunset Hill Christmas Lights. Possibly have 4-H decorate a tree for advertising. Cost is \$500.00. 50 to 100 for decorations.
  - i. Bob made a motion to appropriate out of Promotions \$750 – 500 for tree 250 for decorations, - 1<sup>st</sup>: \*justin missed\*, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Teel – Approved unanimously

8. MAKING THE BEST BETTER

9. CLOSING COMMENTS: Important for each individual to make a commitment. What is your commitment ...why are you here?

- 10. NEXT MEETING Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7 pm TBA
- 11. ADJOURN: 1<sup>st</sup>: Ryan Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jacob.

<b>Operating Budget</b>		<b>YTD Expenditure</b>
Fair Passes	\$2,600.00	
Fair Judges	\$20,000.00	
Fair Ribbons	\$6,000.00	
Fair State Fair Expenses	\$1,000.00	
Fair Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$1,177.60
<i>Fair Battle of the Barns</i>	\$0.00	
Achievement Abassador Recognition	\$0.00	
Achievement Awards	\$0.00	
Area 4-H Activities	\$0.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$1,000.00	
BookKeeper Stipend	\$5,200.00	\$1,600.00
Bonding & Tax Preparation	\$2,000.00	
Camp 4-H Members	\$7,000.00	
Certification & Training Shooting Sports	\$700.00	
Demonstration & Public Speaking	\$0.00	
End of Summer Celebration	\$2,000.00	
Entity Reporting	\$22.00	
Food Auction	\$0.00	
Honoraria	\$0.00	
Indiana 4-H Scholarship	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Leader Recognition/Development	\$0.00	
Manuals, Kits & Handbooks	\$5,000.00	\$2,865.27
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	
Office Supplies / Equipment	\$1,000.00	
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$800.83
Promotions	\$1,000.00	
Performing Arts	\$0.00	
Quickbooks Licensing	\$660.00	
Social Media Marketing	\$0.00	
STEM/Spark Clubs	\$0.00	
Summer Workshops & Trips	\$15,500.00	
Teens as Teachers Program	\$0.00	
Senior Recognition	\$3,000.00	
Trophies	\$13,000.00	
VQCA	\$1,000.00	
Youth Educator Professional Development	\$2,500.00	
Web site	\$500.00	\$210.05
School Outreach Program	\$1,500.00	
4-H Club Development	\$8,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,182.00</b>	<b>\$11,153.75</b>

<b>Projected Income</b>		<b>Actual Income</b>
Porter County CREDIT Contribution	\$96,600.00	\$96,600.00
Trophy Sponsorships	\$13,000.00	
Enrollment Fees	\$3,500.00	\$3,135.00
4-H License Plates	\$450.00	\$620.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$114,050.00</b>	<b>\$100,355.00</b>

<b>TOTAL Checking/Savings</b>	
1st Source Checking 19108455	\$133,145.72
1st Source Checking 19108448	\$24,870.38
1st Source Savings 56968852	\$0.00 CLOSED
<b>TOTAL Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$158,016.10</b>

<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>	
Keller 1	\$115,000.00
Keller 2	\$500.00
Operating Reserve	\$75,000.00
Bloom	\$37,000.00
Ellsworth	\$34,500.00
Gustafson	\$24,500.00
Alumni	\$4,000.00
<b>TOTAL Certificates of Deposit</b>	<b>\$290,500.00</b>

# Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc.

## Epsilon Kappa Chapter

April 27, 2024

Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc, commonly known as Tri Kappa, is a philanthropic organization of women that exists within the boundaries of the State of Indiana. The main work of each local Chapter is to conduct special projects to support the organization's three main goals of charity, culture and education. Our primary fundraisers this year were Fall and Spring flower sales, Bunco event, Songo event and a Holiday Market. Our donations of time and money support local as well as state-wide projects and scholarships.

We understand that many organizations rely upon donations to achieve their mission of serving our community. The Chesterton Tri Kappa chapter is pleased to be able to make a donation to your organization this year of \$150.00.

Sincerely,

*Caroline Q. Ward*

Caroline Ward  
Treasurer, Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc.  
P. O. Box 2443  
Chesterton, IN 46304

5/13/25

Hi,

My donation to the Kyle Gustafson Memorial Fund is made in memory of Keith Gustafson.

God bless!

Susan Daries  
3241 River Branch Cir  
Kissimmee, FL 34741

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Susan M. Daries  
3241 River Branch Cir  
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Date 5/13/25

Pay to the Order of Porter County 4-H Council \$100.00

One hundred and no/100

Dollars  With God, All Things Are Possible.

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Kyle Gustafson  
Memorial Fund

Memo Susan M. Daries

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