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4-H Youth Committee Boone, DeKalb & Ogle 4-H November 26, 2024 Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Introductions

Purpose of this Committee

To be the eyes and ears of 4-H Youth Programming in Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties. To assist our staff with programming needs and connections.

Program Updates

NEW - Tally Lalor as Boone County 4-H Program Coordinator

Review of Task and Breakout Rooms to work on Tasks

Breakout Room 1 – Youth Representatives will work with 4-H Community Club staff on developing a 4-H survey as to why youth/families leave the 4-H program.

Breakout Room 2 – Adult Representatives will work the New Audience 4-H staff to work on partnerships in our communities and ways for 4-H/Extension to become connected.

Report Back

Adjourn

Minutes from the meeting on November 26, 2024, of the Boone, DeKalb, & Ogle 4-H Youth Committee/Expansion and Review

Those in attendance were as follows: Madelynn Kolthoff, Jane Zeien, Lillian Hetland, Tina Holtz, Mallory King, Johnna Jennings, Tally Lalor, Nicole Groezinge, Jodi Baumgartner, Abigail Nelson, Kathy Dombek, and Katie Williamson.

Johnna welcomed those in attendance and shared what the purpose of this committee was for those that were new to the group.

Program updates were shared by the staff as well as the introduction of Tally Lalor the new 4-H Extension Program Coordinator for Boone County. Tally shared a few things about herself.

Following the program updates, the groups were put into breakout rooms based upon the following tasks:

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Here are the follow-up reports and notes from those meetings:

4-H Survey:

- Jane commented that some Cloverbud members didn't know how to join a club after their Cloverbud experience, so members did not rejoin.
- We should consider doing a Canva graphics presentation for new 4-H parents as they seem to be more lost or confused.
- Do an online survey.
- Consider open-ended questions for other feedback.
- On the last question ask the participants can we call you for a follow-up conversation?
- Some questions for parents might be as follows:
 - What did your family do?

- As a parent I knew what was going on. (use a Likert scale for the range in responses)
- My child knew what was going on in 4-H.
- What were your expectations with 4-H?

SNA Breakout Session Notes:

"Good feedback from Jane, our programming is wide-ranging, to meet different groups in different places

Abigail asked questions for conversations with the group:

Jane suggested finding ways to better identify 4-H actions and opportunities to the community.

Abigail asked for suggestions on adapting 4-H for a school club. Jane mentioned an after-school program that could be an opportunity for 4-H programming. Kathy reviewed the current after-school special needs programming through Belvidere Park District.

Abigail asked meeting attendees what needs they might identify for youth in their counties - Lillian identified youth mental health educational programming as a need the Schools and New Audiences could help meet. Lillian suggested social media promotions and self-care stations for mental health.

Other suggestions for promoting 4-H to the public include 4-H fliers and information at the county fairs, and other county events such as Hometown Christmas. It was also suggested that staff attend Parent/Teacher Organization meetings at the local schools. This would be a great way to talk to parents about the 4-H program.

Johnna announced to the committee that this may be her last meeting with them as she is retiring at the end of April. She shared she will have 32 years with Illinois Extension when she retires, plus an additional 5 years with Ohio Extension.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.