

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County
Youth Development Program Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 5:30 pm**

Minutes

1. Attendance – John Walther, Scott Folckemer, Melissa Wheaton, Melanie Coley, Penny Kephart, Kristin Brandt, Jenny Groen, Stephanie Waters, Mikalene Bullock and Tess McKinley
2. Call to order at 5:32
3. Public Comment - none
4. Approval of Minutes – S. Folckemer moved to approve with spelling corrections and M. Coley seconded. All approved.
5. Additions to the agenda - none
6. Reports
 - Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) – Agriculture Literacy Week is this week! Steuben AIRC Educators will provide a training to the state on April 7 on how to grow your program and work with BOCES with CoSers agreements.
 - 4-H Subcommittees
 - Livestock & Dairy Advisory Committee – February 16 – minutes provided. Planning a clinic for the end of May at the Steuben-Allegany Holstein barns and have some new dairy families joining 4-H.
 - Small Animal Advisory Committee – Have not met.
 - Horse Advisory Committee – Have not met.
 - 4-H Programs
 - Market Animal Sale – Reminder out for sale date. There is a three-part marketing series happening – the first one is Sunday, March 22. Using the curriculum from Erie County 4-H.
 - Shooting Sports – State training at the end of February – two Steuben instructors led two disciplines and one new Junior Instructor was certified, one new adult volunteer instructor was certified. Jim T. the State Shooting Sports program lead is coming to meet with staff on April 1 to learn about a club-based model for Shooting Sports. There is a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Shooting Sports program. M. Coley mentioned reaching out to the Legions and Auxiliaries for funding for firearms.
 - Dog – Done weekly – hoping participation will increase for that as the weather gets nicer.
 - Home Ec. – Just finished a sewing class series with support from M. Wheaton.
 - Showcase – The food vendor, Barrel Horse Cafe, will also do the chicken barbeque this year for the buyers’ dinner. S. Folckemer would like to do an outdoor cooking demonstration for Showcase as well.
 - Board of Directors meeting – Met last week of February and talked about a variety of CCE programs and strategic planning.
7. Executive Director – It is grant season so have been applying for grants. We will find out soon about funding for our SNAP Ed educators through a different grant. We are working with the Farm Bureau to do a trivia night on Tuesday, March 24. We are also working with the Farm Bureau on a meeting for the

legislature on five local farms in June. Coordinating a roundtable event with the Agriculture and Industrial Planning Committee at the Steuben County Legislature for April 29.

8. Old Business

- Next week two youth are traveling to Washington D.C. with a chaperone to attend National 4-H Ignite Conference.

9. New Business

- County Presentations – Had almost 30 youth present in February presentations. All youth that presented at county level were eligible to go ice skating for free with 4-H. Some youth went ice skating for a cost that did not do public presentations. There was a lot of positive feedback around ice skating. P. Kephart judged presentations last night for the Four Winds 4-H Club. Districts are April 11.
- Regional Contests – March 7 had hippology, horse bowl, dairy and livestock skillathon all in one place. Many Steuben youth placed high in the nine-county region for the various contests. Staff noted the sportsmanship at the event – proud of the youth! Some qualified for state competitions. Horse Communications is April 11th at Cornell.
- Statewide Community Regrant Program & Steuben Arts Council Grant – Pottery class – was paid for with grant from the Arts Council. Doing a three-part series for two sets of youth for twenty kids total.
- 4-H Willman Resource Award – Received funds for a livestock clinic with Allegany 4-H.

10. 4-H Staff Reports

- J. Groen - Applying for various grants and helping coordinate various regional events. Steubenite will be going out this month. Tabling for AITC at a guidance counselor event through BOCES with SNAP Ed.
- S. Waters – Coordinating workshops in announcements below. Discussed the Tractor Safety course to certify 14 and 15 year old youth to work off of family farms. Discussed some of the other programming happening as well.

11. Announcements

- Robotics Series – January 26th through April 27th
- Marketing Series – March 22nd, April 26th, May 19th @ CCE Steuben/Civil Defense
- Region 2 4-H Model Horse Show – March 28th @ CCE Ontario
- Wildlife ID workshop – March 29th
- STEM Class: Baking Chemistry – April 2nd
- YQCA Workshops – April 3rd & 12th
- Tractor & Machinery Safety Course – April 7th – May 18th @ Cooper's BOCES
- Cornell Vet School Open House – April 11th 9-3 @ Cornell University
- Spring Garden Meeting – April 18th @ Dormann Library
- 4-H Shotgun Classes – April 12th & 19th @ Bath Rod & Gun Club
- Pottery Series – April 19th, May 3rd, May 17th @ the HeART Studio
- CCE Volunteer Appreciation – April 23rd @ CCE Steuben
- Pancake breakfast fundraiser – April 25th @ Hornell Applebee's
- 4-H Poultry Workshop – April 26th @ CCE Steuben
- Re-Enrollment Deadline: May 1st to exhibit at 2025 4-H Showcase
- Animal Crackers @ Cornell – May 2nd - geared to youth ages 8-12
- 4-H Archery Classes – May 3rd & 10th @ Bath Rod & Gun Club
- Food Safety Class – May 26th & June 18th

- Allegany/Steuben 4-H Livestock Clinic – May 30th @ Allegany/Steuben Holstien Club

12. 2026 Youth Development PAC meeting schedule: ~~1/15~~, ~~3/19~~, 5/21, 7/16, 9/17 and 11/19 Third Thursday of odd months at 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn at 6:31. M. Coley moved to adjourn and S. Folckemer seconded. All approved.