



YLC FALL FORUM MINUTES

October 23-24, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Ashley Viste at 4:33 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2004. Members participated in a short get acquainted activity. Secretary Katelyn Santy read the minutes from June 23, 2004. There was one error in the minutes, the 2005 Spring Retreat will be held on April 9-10, not April 8-9 as stated in the minutes. Krista made a motion to correct the error; Melissa seconded the motion.

Next we had a short evaluation of the day at Fall Forum. Karin said she thought the "Coming Together: Race in Wisconsin" seminar went well. Many groups had very good discussions. One issue to look at in the future is making sure all directions for the group are clear. We decided not to plan a "Race in Wisconsin" seminar for the State Conference next summer. Elections of new YLC members went very well. Next time, we need to make sure we have an odd number of YLC member with each election, in case of a tie in voting. We agreed that it is a good idea to have the county youth representative at Fall Forum and we discussed ideas for improving adult and youth attendance at Fall Forum. Krista and Karin made a motion to recommend that a list of youth and adults attending Fall Forum be made a few weeks earlier than it currently is. YLC members can then make a personal contact (phone call, etc.) with counties missing an adult, a youth or both. There was a unanimous vote to recommend our idea. Members agreed that Fall Forum had gone very well.

We discuss the Governor's Meat Auction, held at the State Fair in August. At this event, meat processors donate their product to be judged. After the judging, the meat is auctioned off, and the money is donated to the 4-H Foundation. It was a wonderful and fun event.

The 50th Anniversary Banquet was held on Thursday, October 21, 2004. David Henderson spoke at this event, and the Anniversary video was viewed. Ashley gave a scrapbook, made by last year's YLC members, to the President of the 4-H Foundation as a thank you for the Foundation's support to YLC. Two years ago, YLC members committed to a given number of hours of community service to be given as a thank you gesture to one of the generous 4-H sponsors. A motion was made by Kayla and seconded by Stephanie to commit to one hundred hours of community service per YLC member to be given to Home Depot. The members made a unanimous vote in favor of the motion. The hours will be due at State Conference, please bring an update to the spring retreat.

Kayla Anderson holds a new office this year, Wisconsin State Fair youth Building Representative. She will be attending a meeting to plan and discuss next year's State Fair. To share your ideas with the planning committee, please write a letter and send it with Kayla or send it down to the State Fair office.

Next, we discussed the evaluations from State Conference. Most youth were very happy with the YLC members. They thought we were very nice and very supportive. Many adults thought we did a good job as well, some believed we were too self promoting. Overall, we had very good reviews.

Some things that may (or should) change a next year's conference would be: the elimination of dots on the name tags (attendance will be taken); floor signs must not cover the emergency exit signs; alumni visits in Witte Hall are forbidden; talent show acts need to be appropriate.

As for dance themes next year, we discussed many options such as: fiesta; P.J. party; Western (cowboy); Mardi Gras; Sock Hop; Circus; Under the Sea, and more. Ashley will suggest our ideas to the Conference Planning Committee and they will have the final say.

We then discussed the seminars we are interesting in helping with or planning next year. We plan to organize "Get Out of Your Box" and "Add Spice". Ashley suggested that we organize a seminar like one she ran last year called "4-H Opportunities and You." YLC will also support the Government Seminar. We decided that each youth should bring a game or two with them to the spring retreat, and then we will organize our ideas and material.

For our introduction/rules skit and all crowd warmers we decided to wait to plan them until the spring. We are also going to try to have the street smarts; if there will be a gentleman there who can help us with editing.

YLC needs to decide how they will divide their districts now that district changes have occurred. The group decided to form a subcommittee of three youths and three adults to brainstorm idea to bring back to the group. Stephanie, Ryan and Krista were the three YLC volunteers. Krista and Glen Viste (President-elect of the Adult Leaders executive board, and Ashley's dad) are the unofficial co-chairs of this committee.

The Annual Farm Bureau Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2004 at the Marriott in Middleton the event begins at 5 p.m. If you can attend please contact Sue and wear your green polo, khakis and your name pin. If you do not have those things please wear nice 4-H apparel of some kind.

The Spring Retreat will be held at the Lion's Camp in Rosholt on April 9-10, 2005. A map will be sent to you sometime before the retreat. Sue made a proposal that we consider teaching at Fall Forum again. YLC members thought this was a good idea, so Sue will set up a facilitator to train us to teach something at Fall Forum 2005. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. on October 24, 2004 by President Ashley Viste.

Thanks for reading all of that!

Respectfully submitted,
Katelyn Santy

Important things to remember:

- Bring two games to spring retreat
- Brainstorm skit ideas
- Keep track of community service as of last July
- If you can attend the Farm Bureau Banquet, contact Sue
- Happy Holidays!



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