**Sharon’s Report for Leaders Association**

**July 10, 2017**

**Budget**

I will bring the books to Oddi for the audit as soon as they’re ready.

**Fair**

I will try to be around more to promote 4-H both to the public and members. It should be easier to do so this year because I’m not getting ready for the school year. Is there a display table set aside?

Also, we have been asking afterschool families to help with the Dairy Bar and other volunteers to come in during the open time slot, but only one family is coming Thursday morning.

Next year we probably won’t have Tigers Pride or Lakeland Riders anymore; hopefully we’ll have a new club, but the Dairy Bar schedule should probably be reconsidered. I suggest tracking business this year to get specific guidance for 2018.

**Summer Camp**

There are 17 girls who will be split between two cabins led by Hannah Lier, Callie Lier, Sarah Wahlquist and Nicole Greely.  Cheryl is working on cabin assignments now.  The 18 boys will all be in one big lodge building with Kevin Garland and Elijah Schick, and adult volunteer Reuben Clemmer will also stay there to back them up.

Nola Stenroos will be the queen of the kitchen and her daughter Katie will be her right hand person.  I have attached last year’s menu which seemed to work well.  The campers liked the food and most of it was easy to prepare.  Obviously we’re going to need a lot more food this year!  

I have bartered with Burnett County 4-H to use their kitchen equipment again.  We need to pick it up from their office in Spooner sometime after next week; if anyone is willing to get it please let me know.  There’s a lot of big bins, enough to overwhelm a sedan, so a van or truck would be best.  (FYI my bargaining chip with Burnett is to lead a STEM activity at their summer camp next Wednesday, so I will not be around the office or fairgrounds that day.)

Kristin Clemmer has volunteered to be the camp nurse.  I’ve hired teen lifeguard Emily from Burnett County again, and this year she can stay for the entire camp, so early morning swims are back on!  Kevin Garland can also help lifeguard now that he has his certification.

Lareasha Conners and Lisa Soyring are coming to help where needed, and of course I’ll be there as well.  We also might have a couple of other adults come to do things like help set up the kitchen on Friday or with canoeing Saturday afternoon.  If you are willing and able to come to camp, even for several hours, please let me know.  We also could use some cargo space for hauling gear and food to/from camp on Friday and Sunday afternoons.  I visited the site last week while another group was there and they recommended bringing firewood.  I have some but if somebody else wants to bring it let me know, since it would be easiest for everyone if I grabbed most of the stuff from the office.

**Science Camps Recap**

Both Inventgenuity and littleBits camps went well. There was a very low turnout, but it was worth it because two moms are willing to help lead a new STEM-based community club! They want someone else to lead the actual STEM part, and Ryan Stovern is interested. So hopefully we will have a new club soon! There is a VERY high demand for it. This was backed up last week during the marble roller coaster activity I led at the library.

Pat has agreed to lead a littleBits session at the library in August with the help of Deidrick, one of the boys from Inventgenuity Camp. ☺

**Mighty Machines**

August 10th, 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Superior Middle School. No food, just finger and stomp rockets. I will be on vacation but will leave the equipment and some flyers in the Extension Office for someone to pick up. They will have a table for us and we’ll be near the doors again, I believe.

**Vacation**

I left early August open on the calendar thinking the fair would be there. I am taking advantage of the mostly empty calendar to go to CA to visit friends for the first time in 10 years. ☺ I will be gone two weeks, from the 5th to the 19th.

**Junior Leaders**

We really need to recruit more youth leadership. During this meeting I want to settle on a date and event for 12 – 18 year olds. Suggestions welcome! I’ve included a roster of our current members in that age range. There are more than you think, but they’re not getting involved outside their clubs/projects.

**Leaders Contact List**

Checking for errors. See handout.

**NextGen Update**

They’ve finalized Centers and Institutions and it looks better as far as 4-H and youth development are concerned. Still not sure how it’s all going to work. We were given typical one-year contracts instead of the six-month they had said we would get; however I will have to apply for a new position.