

Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County
Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 4 PM

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM and introductions were made.

Excused: Kristen Widrick, Scott Weller, Monica Makuch, Bobby Cantwell, Sharon Chapple.

Present: Erin Fazio, Caroline Feasler, Mary Jane Mathewson, Stephanie Graf, Nicholle Lacey, Anita Seefried-Brown, Ammbrose Souza, Hayley Richerds, Kael Hoselton, Katie Ramus, Brooke Roes, all in person, Joe Wargo via phone.

2. **Review of April 2, 2025, minutes.** The minutes were accepted with a motion by Mr. Souza, a second by Ms. Mathewson, and approved unanimously.
3. **Youth Bureau Director's Report and Updates:**

Ms. Lacey's Update: 2024 – 2025:

- Hearts for Youth: Renewed insurance and they will get paid.
- CT Sports: Submitted claims and insurance paperwork.
- The board approved reallocation of funds (\$4500) to pay for more recreational scholarships.
- Youth Team Sports: Deadline is August 15, 2025, and application will be submitted to Ms. Lacey.
- Emails shared that the Alexandria Bay Legion plans to apply.
- Email shared that the YMCA would wrap up their application by August 7, 2025.
- Encompass, CT Sports, AB Shooting, Blue Sharks have been submitted.
- Available YSEF \$77,915.
- Available YTS \$62,455.
- Once YDP funds become available, RFP notice will be sent out.
- Discussed needing to know about members sooner when their term is set to expire if they wish to re-appoint. Ms. Lacey will send emails to those that are set to expire 12-25.

4. **Committee Reports:**

Proposal Screening Committee: Mr. Weller – no report.

Executive Committee: Ms. Roes – no report. Ms. Roes shared a thank you card we received from Ms. Gendron by reading its message to the committee.

Program Monitoring Committee: Mr. Wargo reported that Ms. Makuch, Ms. Lacey, and Ms. Graf received the monitoring reports. However, he is not sure if the Youth Court is operating effectively at this time. The Youth Court participants continue to meet even when there are no cases on the docket. This allows time for kids to conduct mock trials. Ms. Mathewson shared that the current form being used to monitor programs is challenging to use. It was discussed that we would review. Mr. Wargo also shared that on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, he along with Ms. Lacey, and DSS Ongoing Grade A Supervisor will be attending *“Advancing Alignment for Teen Success – Tools for Data-Driven Collaboration and Leadership” training.*

Youth and Community Development Committee: Ms. Ramus reported that she is organizing the Youth Leadership Summit, which is scheduled to occur in October/November 2025.

Other: None.

New Business: Ms. Natalie Wesseldine submitted her resignation from the Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board via email.

5. **Meeting dates and times:** Ms. Graf will determine the 2026 meeting dates at the November 5, 2025, meeting. Board members said the meeting times work well for them.

Next meeting: November 5, 4 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm with a motion from Mr. Wargo, seconded by Mary Jane Mathewson and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Seefreid-Brown