Junior Committee Meeting Notes- October 11, 2026

- Committee members had ice cream with toppings as a welcome for new committee members!
- Everyone introduced themselves
    - Present at this meeting: Clara McEvilly, Brayden Perkins, Graham Perkins, Isla Arnold, Kenzie Roberts, Maverick McWhorter
    - Members not present: Autum Wade, Chris Wade, Avery Brander-Underwood, Cora Alexander, Evelyn Burch, Hope Escapite, Sophie Martindale-Wolff
- Gave an overview of the committee, including projects, purpose and committee leadership roles (chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer)
- Reviewed committee events and projects at the 2026 fair
    - Fix-it table- this went over really well at the fair! The committee discussed having more committee members sit at the table or take turns sitting there so that someone is always at the table to help and talk about the junior committee.
    - Opening ceremony- all positive comments
    - Fair camp- great Albany PALS group this year (over 50 kids). Hopefully there will be more groups next year.
    - Youth achievement parade- committee discussed making some changes in order to increase participation by youth and make the parade more visible to fairgoers. Some ideas are to add music, ask an entertainer (like Pirate Dan) to lead the parade, and add some livestock. Only junior committee members would bring their sheep, goats, rabbits or other calm poultry in the parade. Sheep and goats would have to be able to walk with a halter calmy and easily so the parade is smooth. Someone can make sure to pick up any animal poop behind the parade.
- Discuss possibility of participating in tractor parade- there are some committee members who are not already planning to participate in a float and would like to join the fair float. It was discussed that the committee could do a float with CCE/4-H. The committee has some lighted farm animals leftover from the holiday lighted nights and the fair has some lights to use on the float. The fair can get a tractor and trailer to use.
- NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention
    - January 16-17 at Marriot in Syracuse
    - Shared information on the convention and asked for committee members interested in attending. It was shared that Lewis County Fair brought a junior committee member from their fair last year and it would be a great

experience for a Washington County Fair junior committee member to attend the convention. A parent/guardian would have to attend along with the committee member. Clara is interested in attending.

- Fairs advocacy day at NYS Capital
  - Monday, March 1st
  - Shared information on this event and asked for any committee members interested in attending.
- Ideas for next year- discussed ideas for next year and questions about improvements to the fair.
  - Committee members are interested in prices for the fair and carnival rides. Discussed how prices are decided. Might be a good topic for another meeting if a board members or carnival owner could give more information on how these prices are decided.
- Next meeting date- either meet to prepare for Greenwich tractor parade or meet in December for a regular planning meeting (possibly December 6th)
- Clara will present committee meeting notes at the next fair board meeting.