

St. Croix County HCE Executive Board Meeting
Tues, Jan. 13, 2026 2pm, Ag Center, Baldwin, WI

Meeting opened by President Char Croes, with creed and pledge recited. Roll Call; absent Melodee S.

Secretary minutes- Stephany B.- minutes in newsletter. Lois B. made motion to approve minutes. Phoebe S. seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report; Phoebe S.- Yearend report discussed. Has Kwik Trip cards for sale, Feb., insurance due for events, went up \$8. Scholarship funds are good for a few years. Mention at Spring Council if anyone is interested in being a first-time recipient of State Conference scholarship of \$100 towards registration. It will be in Eau Claire this year Sept. 20-23, at The Lismore Hotel, downtown. We have 35 members in St. Croix County now. Vi Roquette, a 73 year member, has passed away.

Committee Reports;

Scholarship forms -changed wording on them to read; "relative of member" and " Also "open to HCE members or relative" {for going back to school} scholarship. Char C. made a motion to change wording, 2nd by Lois B. Motion passed.

International - President of state WAHCE, Phoebe S., told of distributions of monies raised for Nicaraguan Partners, Ventures in People and ACWW. Still collecting used ink cartridges (International Chair).

Marketing chair Lori H.{state}, has 5 new items for sale, will be in UPDATE or on website. 25 Year and 50 years pins prices have gone up, this also includes the House HCE pin.

Bookworms; the millionth book will be given out this year. Thinking of adding a little girl Bookworm mascot, some HeadStart programs are quitting Bookworms, working on getting next books.

County Fair; HCE building's doors are bad. Phoebe S. and Char's daughter are on fair board, will ask about repairs or replacements to be made. We discussed maybe splitting half the cost with fair or having community service youth clubs helping. Next meeting of fair board, they will let us know more info. Jean K. made a motion to donate \$50 to the HCE Fair Bldg.in Vi Roquette's name as a memorial. Deanna J. 2nd it. Motion carried.

New Business;

Cabin Fever Nite, Feb. 12, noon, potluck, Ag Center. Char is working on getting speaker on nutrition and may have game or craft activity. Committee will work out details. May have members bring a canned good for food shelves. Individual members on committee.

Program booklets; Phoebe and Char working on printing available costs. Probably booklets will be available at Cabin Fever Nite for you to pick up for your clubs. Phoebe is working on making up book.

Cultural Arts forms; New one, will be in UPDATE newsletter and WAHCEINC.org website. Bonus category this year for State Convention will be "Celebrate HCE", our theme this year at convention is "Party on Gibson St.," the Roaring 20's. Says can be 10 inches by 10 inches, using silk or dried flowers, glasses etc. Any lesson we learn at State Convention given by a UW Extension person, we must have such a person from UW if we pass on that lesson in a meeting if we choose to have a meeting about a subject given at State.

Discussed new State Convention award which is \$100. Explained new award. Might try for it if we have that nutrition speaker for Cabin Fever Nite. It can be for nutrition or mental health topic. WAHCE has applied for a grant from the Green Bay Packers and received it, \$3000, to go towards our 2026 State Convention. Go Pack!

The ACWW Triennial will be in Ontario, Canada this year in May.

The NVON Conference will be in Wisc. Dells this year. Phoebe is going. It's in July.

Adjourned meeting with HCE prayer.

Submitted by St. Croix County HCE Secretary, Stephany Bourdon Jan.14,2026