

Darke Co. Junior Fair Board Meeting
September 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Bryce Watson. Thesaurus report was read. There were no secretary reports.

Old business:

The turnout for Hearts of Darke was good. The participants were able to pick two animals this year. We are going to need someone to take over for Katelonne since she has finished her term on board.

Fall gathering will be at 6:00 pm, October 4, 2025 the same place as last year.

Discussion was held on The Showman's Closet. We are collecting old show clothes so that we can resell to use as a fundraiser for the junior fair board.

New business:

Fair Review:

Pigs everything went well.

Youth Building: Everything went smoothly. They would like to see more participants in the reviews.

Goats: Everything went well.

Horses: No one fell off horse.

Rabbit: Everything went well.

Sheep: Everything went well.

Poultry: Everything went well, need more help.

FFA: Numbers were up.

Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

We have several late applications for junior fair board. With the amount we had we did a paper ballot and voted:

Beef: Lincoln Winner

Dogs: Julia Arboagast, Karstyn Davidson, Madison Alexander

Horses: Micah Arbogast, Tyrel Israel

Rabbit: Halie Case, Gabby Snyder

Swine: Mackenize Subler

Discussion was held about wrapping gifts for community service project. Where people bring in their gifts that they purchased and the junior fair wrap gifts for a donation. We discussed dates of November 29th and December 6th. Cheyenne Swisher moved to hold the gift wrapping on December 6, 2025 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Motion was seconded by Julia Raffle. Motion passed with all ayes.

Advisor Announcements: Betsy told the board that they need to go to your committee meetings because without a junior board member the committee cannot vote on anything. This does not allow the committee to make forward progress.

Brian Pohlman reiterated what Betsy said about attendance being important.

Extension Office: Mercedes McFarland told the group that if they have time in their schedule to help other barns out. Make sure you are signed up and checking Band App.

Next meetings are October 9th and November 13th.

Matthew Denlinger moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Cheyenne Swisher. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Angela Graf