

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2016

Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas

Time: Called to order at 7:01pm by Tim Lewis. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Tim Lewis.

Roll Call:

President: Tim Lewis (Greenfield)

1st Vice President: Trina Hearne (King City Rural)

2nd Vice President: Kelly Violini (Spring)

Treasurer: Dana Guidotti (Mission)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: KC Mullaney

Buena Vista: Gina Cremers, Grant Cremers, Ian Cremers (youth), Catherine Miller, Cheryl Wilson

Chualar: Angie Horwath, Mari Horwath (youth), Alex James (youth), Marcus James (youth), Elijah James (youth), Robert James, Drew Young, Hollie Young

Greenfield: Cyndra Ramey

Gonzales: Christina Kaupp, Leslie Lombardi, Brittini Lombardi (youth)

Hilltown: Michael Burgess, Rhonda Hurtado, Travis Violini (youth), Ashley Wilson (youth)

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes

King City Rural: Kristin Iverson, Blake Iverson (youth), Cannon Thomas (youth)

Lockwood: Erik Wilkins

Mission: Claudia Guidotti

Natividad: Janet Wohlgemoth

Royal Oaks: JoAnne Etchison

San Benancio: Jennifer Wasson, Megan Wasson (youth)

Spring: Caden Romero (youth), Tracy Romero, Kelly Violini

All Star/CTA: Alyssa Hurtado (Hilltown), Violet Lurz (Buena Vista), Julaine Mullaney (Aromas),

Bret Wilkins (Lockwood)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: None.

Secretary's Minutes: Hana Ferguson

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2015 meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Erik Wilkins

2nd: Rhonda Hurtado

Treasurer's Report: Dana Guidotti

Beginning Balance: \$57,706.26

Total Income: \$1,402.25
Total Expenses: \$7,660.60
Ending Available Balance: \$51,465.91
Pacific Valley Bank CD: \$54,128.10
Morgan Stanley: \$55,753.03
CD Total: \$109,881.13
Combined Total: \$161,347.04

Officer's report:

President Tim Lewis officially welcomed the new Hilltown club since their charter became official in December. Hilltown members Travis Violini, Alex Burgess, and Alyssa Hurtado gave a presentation on how Hilltown was formed and requested funds from the council to start a club bank account. The motion was tabled to new business.

2nd Vice President Kelly Violini announced that the Color Me Green run will be held March 12th at MCF. The cost to run will be \$30 if purchased ahead of time or \$35 the day of. Funds will be set aside into a Leadership line item in the budget.

All Star/CTA Report:

On January 4th All Star Bret Wilkins installed the officers for the Hilltown club at their opening party for the community. Bret gave an update on LCORT and is excited to lead an Interview workshops.

CTAs Julaine, Violet, and Alyssa talked about the upcoming CTA Extravaganza event set for January 23rd. They explained what they had developed for their bodies of work. The CTAs offered to visit clubs to give presentations on their bodies of work and to promote the leadership program which includes All Star and CTA.

Youth Reports:

Ashley Wilson was asked to be on a state committee. She was contacted by a Scott Mautte after she interviewed for state ambassador. Ashley has been asked to help construct a new adult volunteer manual. She and other 4-H members are working with staff to help construct the manual. It should filter down to the clubs in the new year.

Madison Kaupp and Brittini Lombardi of Gonzales gave updates on their club's activities which included a Superbowl BBQ and bakesale, and upcoming sock drive and how they symbolically "adopted" three families over the holidays to provide gifts and food.

Mari Horwath from Chualar shared that her club donated Thanksgiving baskets to local schools. Chualar also continued their traditional pine bough and poinsettia sale which generates funds for their operating budget.

Megan Wasson of San Benancio shared the exciting news that she was selected to raise the SVF Heritage scholarship lamb and explained what her duties entailed.

Club Sharing: Clubs were asked if they hold a holiday fundraiser or a fundraiser in the first part of the year. Holiday fundraisers included selling pine boughs and poinsettias and coffee sales. Those who had an early fundraiser were a pancake breakfast and a Sausage Pedro party. Lorin added that any club that would like a Thank you letter from Maria de la Fuente for supporters or donors to the club fundraisers can just ask. It is also required that each club turns in their flyer or any printed materials that include 4-H or the clover.

Committee Reports:

Incentives and Recognition (KCR): Trina Hearne shared that there will be a meeting on January 27th discussing the record book manual updates.

Bowl-a-Rama (Mission): Dana Guidotti gave a wrap up report and shared which clubs had the highest turnouts. Just under 100 youth were in attendance and the Mission club would like to continue it next year.

Fantastic Field Day:

Club 1 (KCR): Kristin Iverson explained the **overall** details and where all the stations will be layed out at the SVF. There will also be a "whites swap" at FFD, people are encouraged to bring their old white clothing items for the 4-H uniforms to donate or swap them out for different ones.

Club 2 (Aromas): KC Mullaney explained the rules for the **judging contest** and how the final tabulations and certificates will be awarded. This will include a gold medal contest.

Club 3 (Natividad): Janet Wohlgemoth requested that **desserts** be dropped off early in the day so judges can review them. It was announced that any desserts containing peanuts or peanut products will be thrown away at the door to respect attendants with allergies.

Club 4 (Chualar): The **vegetable judging** and **livestock judging** contests will be divided into age groups to appropriately challenge youth members of different ages. This will be a gold medal contest.

Club 5 (Spring): Spring will be in charge of **entertainment** including teaching songs and playing icebreaker games.

County Presentation Night:

Club 1,3 (Gonzales): Christina Kaupp announced that forms are due February 9th for youth to participate in the county wide event. Judges lists from clubs are due February 23rd. She encouraged 4-H members to e-mail her at gonzales4h@gmail.com for ideas about entertainment and dinner.

Club 2 (Lockwood): Erik Wilkins encouraged judges to be recruited early on in order to get everybody informed and on the same page to avoid confusion and mistakes the night of the event. It is important that all judges are equally informed in order to avoid unfair or inconsistent judging.

Fashion Revue (Buena Vista): Grant Cremers will report information at next month's meeting.

Sectional Presentation Day (KCBR, Hilltown): Mary Hughes and Lorin Lurz discussed that Sectional Presentation day will be planned between San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey County. Monterey county is currently looking for an event location.

Calendar:

The calendar was recognized as current.

Staff Reports: Lorin Lurz

LCORT: a meeting was held earlier in the evening to discuss behavior at this and all 4-H conferences.

There will be a third county record book team meeting on January 27th. Clubs with record book requirements need to attend to learn about the new record book manual. Adopting the new manual however, is not required until July 1. However, a discussion and recommendation will be taken into consideration.

In the spring, Lorin will begin leading all clubs to look through their bylaws in order to make necessary updates in their language in order to keep up with “Steps to Success”. Updates in language concerning quorum of members vs quorum of members present will be acknowledged. Any language that changes a member’s enrollment status due to not turning in items such as record books or not attending club meetings will need to be removed.

The South Central Sectional council will be been disbanded at the end of the program year. They have generously used their leftover fees monies to buy Monterey County 4-H a new power point projector that can be used by anyone upon request through the office.

The county office will draft a “welcome packet” in addition to clubs having their own welcome packet.

New Business:

There was a motion by Rhonda Hurtado for the council to bequest \$700 to the Hilltown club as starter funds. Mary Hughes made the 2nd to open the discussion. Questions came from Janet Wohlgemoth, Christina Kuapp, Mike Burgess, Gidget Guidotti and Erik Wilkins. Rhonda stated she would like the club to be able to buy supplies such as a flag, the incentives pins and a display. The Hilltown planned fundraisers are a car wash, a BBQ and a letter writing campaign. Treasurer Dana Guidotti answered the question of where the funds would be coming from. Clubs that have been disbanded (such as Carmel Valley) had leftover funds which had not yet been allocated elsewhere; these funds will go to Hilltown. After discussion by adults present it was put to a vote. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Rhonda Hurtado

2nd: Mary Hughes

Unfinished Business:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

1st: JoAnne Etchison

2nd: Cyndra Ramey

Next Meeting:

February 16, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Salinas Ag Office

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H