

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2016

Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas

Time: Called to order at 7:03pm 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)(absent)

Staff: Lorin Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: KC Mullaney, Christina Nelson (youth), Michael Nelson

Buena Vista: Addy Cremers (youth), Gina Cremers, Grant Cremers, Henry Cremers (youth), Ian Cremers (youth), Catherine Miller, Kelly Urquides, Cheryl Wilson

Chualar: Shelley Daoro, Evan Lockard (youth), Vanessa Lockard

Greenfield: none

Gonzales: Hannah Gardoni, Nick Gardoni (youth), Sherree Gardoni

Hilltown: Stefanie Burgess, Rhonda Hurtado

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes

King City Rural: Kristin Iverson

Lockwood: Erik Wilkins

Mission: Claudia Guidotti

Natividad: Ladene Elam

Royal Oaks: none

San Benancio: Emma Horton (youth), Kristin Horton, Diane Vorwerck, John Vorwerck

Spring: Jodi Anderson

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

Bret Wilkins (Lockwood)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Gonzales asked for funds to purchase more easels

Secretary's Minutes: Hana Ferguson, absent. CTA Violet Lurz was introduced as secretary for the night.

Approval of January 2016 minutes was tabled until the March meeting.

Violet read a number of thank yous from Council LCORT scholarship recipients.

Treasurer's Report: Dana Guidotti

Beginning Balance: \$51,465.01

Total Income: \$5,279.02

Total Expenses: \$34,602.61

Ending Available Balance: \$22,602.61
Pacific Valley Bank CD: \$54,128.10
Morgan Stanley: \$55,661.16
CD Total: \$109,789.26
Combined Total: \$132,391.87

All Star/CTA Report:

Bret Wilkins explained the sessions he led at LCORT and was thanked by Catherine Miller for doing a good job as a leader and participant. Bret also thanked everyone for making Fantastic Field Day a huge success.

The CTAs present (Emma, Violet, Allysa and Julaine) gave updates on the Color Me Green Run and gave a wrap up report of the CTA extravaganza. Kelly Violini thanked her CTAs for doing a great job and shared that the funds raised from the Color Me Green Run will go into a leadership account in the council funds. Run to be held March 12th.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:

Ian Cremers thanked the council for an LCORT scholarship. Club Leader Grant Cremers also thanked the council for the scholarships.

Rhonda Hurtado of Hilltown thanked the council for startup funds for the new club and announced they will be hosting a BBQ during the Color Me Green Run.

John Vorwerck recognized Bret for hosting the LCORT sessions.

Claudia Guidotti handed out flyers for Mission's pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

Incentives and Recognition (KCR): Rhonda spoke on behalf of the record book team committee that met to discuss the updates to the state record book manual. The committee strongly recommended to adopt the new record book manual that will go into effect immediately. There was a motion to accept the new manual, vote and motion passed.

1st: Erik Wilkins

2nd: Claudia Guidotti

The committee also announced that there will no longer be yearly pins for the 4-H hat and will be replaced by pins to recognize junior, intermediate, and senior members. Lorin asked if it was okay to use up the senior age pins so the graduating members would have consistent pins. It was agreed.

Fantastic Field Day:

Tim Lewis thanked KCR for putting on the event with a fantastic turnout of over 100 participants.

(Aromas): Poster judging contest went smoothly despite confusion over certificates.

(Natividad): dessert judging contest.

(Chualar): Shared their new approach to livestock judging using a video. Vegetable judging was conducted the same way as last year.

(Spring): Spring members had a great time leading ice breaker activities.

County Presentation Night Wrap Up:

Set for March 4th at la Gloria school. There will be dinner served and a bake sale. Nick Gardoni thanked Kelly Violini for volunteering with the entertainment for the night

Sectional Presentation Day (KCBR, Hilltown): Had nothing new to present so Lorin added that the Program reps were working on securing a facility. Date is set for April 16th.

4-H Camp Program Report:

Stefanie Burgess explained that 35 teen counselor applicants were interviewed by a panel of judges and were all asked the same questions. The judges were impressed by how much the applicants have learned and grown and how they were able to identify strengths and weaknesses in themselves. The counselors were selected and the camp program would like to offer special positions for campers who still want to be involved in camp planning. Her camp committee has plans to attend a statewide camping conference in April.

Calendar:

The calendar was recognized as current.

Staff Reports: Lorin Lurz

An exercise on filling out outreach was handed out while Lorin explain the important of outreach in the program. A chartered bus may be available again this year for SLC. a survey was sent out to SLC staff about transportation. She recommended clubs to set aside funds for the bus transportation.

While thanking each adult volunteer who went, she indicated she was unsure if LCORT would continue. Diane Vorwerck said she had heard at LCORT there was enough money to hold one more year of the conference.

All clubs are to using the revised Presentation Manual for this year's presenations.

It was recommended that clubs utilize the survey in their officer manuals for their club.

Steps to Success chart and the project completion portion was explained with an activity on the dry erase board. The requirement for every project to provide an APR was discussed.

Persons interested in becoming a Club Leader are to follow the process on an application and training at the county offices.

Lorin presented items from the 4-H storage closet that have not been used. There was an overhead projector, PA system, a box of keys, a large display box and a karaoke machine. After much discussion it was motioned that the items be taken home with members to determine if they still work. 1st Rhonda 2nd Gidget.

New Business:

A suggestion was made to buy more easels. Lorin had pulled out all easels including the 6 new ones provided by the Farm Advisor Richard Smith. No action or vote was taken.

Unfinished Business: none

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

1st: Nick Gardoni 2nd: Christina Nelson

Next Meeting:

March 15, 2016 at 7:00pm in south county.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H