

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 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: Kelly Violini (Hilltown)

2nd Vice President: Jan Mirassou (Mission) absent

Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: Jacque Palmer

Buena Vista: Christina McPherson, Catherine Miller

Chualar: Angie Horwath

Greenfield: Cyndra Ramey

Gonzales: Christina Kaupp, Macy Kaupp (youth)

Hilltown: Addy Cremers (youth), Gina Cremers, Grant Cremers, Henry Cremers (youth), Alyssa Hurtado (youth), Rhonda Hurtado

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes

King City Rural: Kristin Iverson, Carla Mullanix-Ackerman

Lockwood: Bret Wilkins, Staci Wilkins

Mission: Claudia "Gidgit" Guidotti

Natividad: Christopher Wohlgemoth (youth), Janet Wohlgemoth

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Jenell Burk, Patty Busch

Spring: Bill Hammond, Carli Hammond (youth), Debbie Grady

All Star/CTA: Marti Ackerman (KCR), Ian Cremers (Hilltown), Blake Iverson (KCR), Violet Lurz (Buena Vista), Fiona McPherson (Buena Vista), Luke Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

Added Washington Focus under open floor.

Added council bylaws under unfinished business.

Added motion for approval for additional funds under treasurer's report.

Record book Judging was added to committee reports.

Secretary's Report:

There was a motion to approve the minutes for the August 2016 meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Janet Wohlgemoth

2nd: Christina McPherson

Treasurer's Report: Diane Vorwerck

Beginning Balance: \$21,539.08

Total Income: \$2,455.02

Total Expenses: \$6,461.01

Ending Available Balance: \$17,533.09

Pacific Valley Bank: \$54,161.85

Morgan Stanley: \$55,662.54

CD Total: \$109,824.39

Combined Total: \$127,357.48

There was an error in calculation concerning the funds allocated towards former All Star Bret Wilkins' trip to Canada. Diane motioned to add the additional \$61.70 be added to his initial funding of \$500. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Diane Vorwerck

2nd: Rhonda Hurtado

President's Report:

Tim Lewis thanked Sheryl Jones and JoAnn Etchison of Royal Oaks for their hard work with the Monterey County Fair food booth. Tim also thanked Roaring Mice studio for donating their artistic talent and painting the alumni photo board for the fair and council booth.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:

Ian and Alyssa of Hilltown handed out flyers for a county wide Halloween party their club is hosting at the MCF fairgrounds on October 29th.

Tim asked clubs how they distribute their members' pins/awards from achievement night at their club meetings. Smaller clubs tend to have their own small ceremony to recognize their members, while larger clubs will announce their members' achievements at their meetings. Mary Hughes of KCBR shared a program she creates every year that lists her club's members and achievements.

All Star/CTA Report:

Catherine Miller was able to recognize Bret Wilkins and thanked him for his time as an All Star. Current All Stars Violet Lurz and Luke Vorwerck discussed the Achievement Night plans and the dance that followed. They also announced their body of work. Violet is focusing on service learning while Luke is interested in youth leadership. They reminded everyone that LCORT applications are due to the county offices on November 4th.

CTAs Ian Cremers, Blake Iverson, Fiona McPherson, and Marti Ackerman also discussed their body of work. Ian chose "Shoot for the Star Ranks." Fiona chose "Gloss over Your Glossophobia" (fear of public speaking). Blake is interested in the voting process, and Marti wants to explore how to be inclusive in ice breaker activities.

CTA advisor Kelly Violini announced important dates for Washington Focus which is being held from June 24-July 5 with an informational night on October 20 and the 25th.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Night (Greenfield): Cyndra Ramey talked about the success of the 4-H

Achievement Night at the Greenfield Memorial Hall. It was agreed the site was a useable for the

event. Grant Cremers of Hilltown recognized Club Leader Rhonda Hurtado for being a part of the start the new club.

Achievement Night Dance (San Benancio): Jennifer Wasson thanked everyone involved in the dance portion of the night. The review of the dance, music and lighting was favorable.

Expansion and Review (KCBR): Mary Hughes announced they would like to hold a meeting at October 10th with the County staff.

Leadership Event (Spring): Will be held on January 21st and save-the-date flyers are available.

Record books (Lockwood): Staci Wilkins recommended updated the ratio of judges to books from 1:5 to 1:4. I took a long time to get all the books done with the new rubric provided by the state.

Incentives and Recognition (San Benancio): Jenell Burk gave special thanks to evaluators for the council's college scholarships. The recipients were Ellie Milanesa of Buena Vista, Mariah O'Grady of Buena Vista, Bryce Umbarger of KCBR and Samantha Burk of San Benancio. She also discussed how the hat year pins are being updated with the old number pins are being phased out.

Calendar: The calendar was recognized as current.

Staff Reports: Lorin Lurz

National 4-H Week is not just about recruiting new members but it's also about community outreach. This could include partnerships, sponsors, and donations.

Lorin has new member packets. And another document called "Cloverpedia" (glossary of 4-H terms).

LCORT has an updated age requirement, they are now accepting youth aged 12-14 regardless of school grade. Applications are due to the office by November 4th.

Reminder to clubs that if a member does not complete an APR they cannot receive their year stripe/pin.

Unfinished Business:

Only updated language to the bylaws include "unless a suitable candidate is not nominated then the incumbent may run again." There was a motion to table until next meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Rhonda Hurtado

2nd: Staci Wilkins

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

1st: Gidgit Guidotti

2nd: Christina Kaupp

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm in at the Salinas Ag Office.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H