Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2017
Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas
Time: Called to order at 7:00pm 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: vacant
Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)
Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)
Staff: Lorin Lurz & Carol Garcia

Club Representatives and guests
Aromas: KC Mullaney, Julaine Mullaney, Jacque Palmer
Buena Vista: Christina McPherson
Chualar: Angie Horwath, Mari Horwath (youth)
Greenfield: Elizabeth Hernandez, Luz Maria Arqueta
Gonzales: Nicholas Gardoni (youth)
Hilltown: Alex Burgess (youth), Stefanie Burgess, Grant Cremers, Alyssa Hurtado (youth), Rhonda Hurtado, Jessica Pedevilla, Cheryl Wilson
King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes
King City Rural: Kristin Iverson
Lockwood: Tiffany Anthony, Bret Wilkins (youth), Staci Wilkins
Mission: Claudia “Gidgit” Guidotti
Natividad: Janet Wohlgemoth
Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones
San Benancio: Patty Busch, John Vorwerck
Spring: Tisha Hippensteen
All Star/CTA: Ian Cremers (Hilltown)
Guests: Carol Garcia (staff)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda:
Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty is absent and will be unable to give her presentation at this time.
It was requested that Carol Garcia to be added for her portion of the presentation and program updates. Lorin requested to give her report verbally instead of written.
February meeting date was updated.
Vacant 2nd Vice President position was added under old business.

Secretary’s Report:
There was a motion to approve the minutes for the November 2016 meeting. Vote and motion passed.
1st: Christina McPherson
2nd: JoAnn Etchison
Treasurer’s Report: Diane Vorwerck
Diane shared a report of account balances that occurred during the November/December break. She also discussed enrollment fees and year to date expenses.

President's Report:
Council budget revisions, income and expense breakdown: budget formatting will be updated in order for committees to present and explain budget projections before the start of an activity. A line item has been created for outreach.
Giving Tuesday results: The results of the “Giving Tuesday” donation campaign that the office promoted through the alumni Facebook page received a total of $5,160. Donors, including Kelly, gave money and were able to designate their gift. Those donations were matched 100% by an anonymous donor through the California 4-H Foundation.
Color Me Green Run/CWF request: Alyssa Hurtado and Alex Burgess explained the funds needed for Citizenship Washington Focus. They proposed using the sponsorship funds from the Color Me Green Run to benefit CWF general line item. The matter will be further discussed and voted on under new business.

All Star/CTA Report:
The youth sent out written reports in preparation for the meeting.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:
Mari Horwath talked about her club’s dessert auction that brought in funds to help their local school. Alex Burgess talked about her club’s sock and canned food drive and how they enjoyed a visit from a representative that spoke about homeless shelters.
Clubs were asked to share how they conduct midyear reviews with officers in order to see what tactics were working well and which needed improvement.

Committee Reports:
Animal Field Day (Chualar): Over 300 members have already preregistered, including members from other counties. Programs for presentations and vendors were discussed. Angie Horwath spoke.
Fantastic Field Day:
Overall, poster contest (KCR): Kristin Iverson announced that flyers were available. She also reminded everyone that the lunch proceeds will benefit the camp program.
Vegetable judging (Mission): Gidget shared that her club did a practice run of vegetable judging to prepare for field day.
Dessert Judging (Buena Vista): Christina McPherson announced flyers are available and dessert categories.
Judging Contest (Natividad): Janet Wohlgemuth shared that planning is going well.
Educational Rotation (Aromas): Jacque Palmer shared that her club is experimenting with different approaches.
Bowl-A-Rama (KCBR): Mary Hughes spoke. Big turnout with awards and prizes given to those attended. Pizza serving was a challenge.
Leadership Extravaganza (Spring): Ian Cremers from Hilltown spoke on behalf of Spring. Will be held at Spreckels Elementary on January 21st

**Calendar:** The calendar was recognized as current.

**Staff Reports:** Carol Garcia, Lorin Lurz
Carol gave updates to the Diversity program that included outreach to local libraries, schools, and after school programs. During discussion it was made clear that volunteers within these organizations would be running 4-H programs as collaborators and would not need to register as an 4-H adult volunteer.

Lorin announced that camp applications are now open and a new position of “teen staff” has been added. Enrollment is completed and clubs are reminded to make sure families are signed up to receive county newsnotes. Clubs are encouraged to set aside monies for “enrollment fee scholarships” and will be discussed further into the year.

**Unfinished Business:**
The position for 2nd Vice President remains open for nominations.

**New Business:**
There was a motion to allocate profits from Color Me Green Run to go towards Citizenship Washington Focus travel funds for the 2016/2017 year. After discussion vote and motion passed. 1st: Mary Hughes 2nd: Christina McPherson

There was a motion to allow the CWF funds to be held in the council’s savings account. Vote and motion passed. Council treasurer Diane Vorwerck has been appointed to oversee those funds. 1st: Janet Wohlgemoth 2nd: Staci Wilkins

**Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm. 1st: Staci Wilkins 2nd: Rhonda Hurtado

**Next Meeting:**
February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm in at the Salinas Ag Office.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H