

## Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 17, 2017

**Location:** Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City

**Time:** Called to order at 7:04pm by Tim Lewis. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Tim Lewis.

### **Roll Call:**

President: Tim Lewis (KCBR)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kelly Violini (Hilltown)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Gidget Guidotti (Mission)

Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Lurz, Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty

### **Club Representatives and guests**

Aromas: Victor Alvarez

Buena Vista: Travis Tanaka

Chualar: Angie Horwath, Dena Jenkinson, Sierra Sala (youth)

Greenfield: Luz Maria Arqueta, Elizabeth Hernandez

Gonzales: Colleen Yebra

Hilltown: Rhonda Hurtado

King City Blue Ribbon: Natalia Bahena

King City Rural: Carla Ackerman, Marti Ackerman (youth)

Lockwood: Misty Hancock, Morgan Hancock (youth), Megan Weferling (youth), Erik Wilkins  
Staci Wilkins

Mission: Garrett Guidotti (youth), Gidget Guidotti

Natividad: Janet Wohlgemuth

Royal Oaks: absent

San Benancio: Patty Busch

Spring: Nicole Hostert

All Star/CTA: Mari Horwath (Chualar), Alyssa Hurtado (Hilltown), Julaine Mullaney (Aromas)

Guests: TJ Plew of Salinas Valley fair & Grace Borzini of Salinas Valley Fair Heritage

### **Additions/Corrections to Agenda:**

Kelly Violini is in Hilltown, not Spring.

Guest speakers were moved to after the Treasury Report.

### **Secretary's Report:** Hana Ferguson

A motion to approve the September meeting minutes has been tabled to the next meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Diane Vorwerck

Beginning balance: \$19,978.13

Total Income: \$34,833.07

Total expenses: \$19,929.56

Ending Available Balance: \$34,881.64  
Morgan Stanley: \$55,549.49  
Pacific Valley Bank: \$54,331.27  
CD Total: \$109,880.76  
Combined total: \$144,762.40

**Guest Speaker:** TJ Plew, Grace Borzini:

Applications for the SVF Heritage Animal are due on November 17 with interviews being held on December 4. High schoolers in 4-H/FFA of all ages are encouraged to apply and can raise any species. Money raised from the auction helps to fund project so the heritage Foundation. Runner-up positions to the scholarships are now available.

**Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hurtado shared the committee's future ideas for the Food Booth fundraising at MCF, member photo yearbooks, Color Me Green run , Giving Tuesday, as well as their goal statement. Meetings are open to anyone to attend.

**All Star/CTA Report:**

All Stars and CTAs present shared their experiences with visiting clubs throughout the county and talked about their bodies of work.

To follow the All Stars and CTAs on Instagram visit

@montereycounty4h

@monterey\_county\_ctas

**Youth Reports/Club Sharing:**

The topic for this month's club sharing was finding out *if clubs' general fundraisers support their livestock projects*. It was discovered that most clubs have one general fund raiser and then allocate funds to livestock projects based on "wish lists" or line items in the budget. Some livestock projects also have their own fundraisers.

**Committee Reports:**

Leadership Extravaganza (Spring): Kelly Violini (on behalf of Spring) presented flyers and announced that All Stars will be giving presentations as well as presentations from the youth council.

Bowl-A-Rama (San Benancio): Will be held on January 6 from 1:00 – 3:00 with a drop off time of 12:30 at Salinas Valley Bowl. A vote of a budget increase was tabled to the next meeting; Patty Busch spoke.

Animal Field Day (Chualar): Dena Jenkinson and Angie Horwath announced the dates of the event will be January 27&28 and will include educational displays as well as show clinics for swine, sheep, chickens, and rabbits. It will be held at LA Hearne. A flyer is forthcoming.

Fantastic Field Day (KCR): Will be held on February 10, Carla Ackerman spoke. Clubs who have jobs will be contacted via email.

Incentives & Recognition (Hilltown): no report.

**State Management Report:** Kelly Violini. Bay Coast Area Youth Summit will take place at camp Jones Gulch from January 19-21. This replaces LCORT for our region. Monterey County

All Stars will be among the presenters. The council will have scholarship funds available on the county website.

**Leadership Conference Report:** Kelly Violini. The distinction was made between Citizenship Washington Focus vs Leadership Washington Focus, the former being for high school members, the latter being for middle school members. 2 information nights have been held to find participants.

**Calendar:** Presented as current.

**Staff Reports:** Lynn Schmitt McQuitty, Lorin Lurz

Lynn spoke of possible after school programs opening up for a Greenfield middle school and a Chualar elementary school. She also thanked everyone for their patience with the new online video training for volunteers and is anticipating change from the state for next year.

Lorin reminded everyone about the livestock enrollment deadline which falls on December 8 this year. Applications for Camp McCandless teen counselors and staff are due by November 17. During the rest of the 4-H year the process to add, drop, or transfer a project must go through the club's VEC and/or the community leader and be on file at the county. Providing talks or presentations at local farm days are encouraged by the county as long as they gain approval; though Farm Day attendance cannot be made a project requirement. Resources for Farm Day are available at the county.

Safety ratios must be maintained for all projects with special attention towards the swine project due to high enrollment. There was a discussion among club leaders on how they could reach their safety goals. A letter will be sent to every Livestock leaders with this information.

**Unfinished Business:**

A motion to approve the 2017-2018 bylaws has been tabled to the next meeting.

**New Business:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm by Tim Lewis.

1<sup>st</sup>: Janet Wolgemuth

2<sup>nd</sup>: Erik Wilkins

**Next Meeting:**

November 21, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Salinas Ag Offices.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H