

## Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 20, 2018

**Location:** Salinas Ag Offices

**Time:** (The Council took part in a “Take Over” by the Youth Council officers. They led the first portion of the meeting) Called to order at 7:05pm by Mari Horwath. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Jamie Pavek.

### **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, Darlene Ruiz

### **Club Representatives and guests**

Aromas: Victor Alvarez

Buena Vista: Catherine Miller, Travis Tanaka

Chualar: Angie Horwath, Sierra Sala (youth)

Gonzales: Cherish Yebra (youth), Colleen Yebra

Greenfield: Luz Maria Arqueta

Hilltown: Stefanie Burgess

King City Blue Ribbon: Tim Lewis

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

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

Mission: Gidget Guidotti

Natividad: Janet Wohlgemuth

Royal Oak: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Aiden Banks (youth), Autumn Banks (youth), Jenell Burk, Patty Busch, Lindy

Lafferty (youth), Jamie Pavek (youth), Luke Vorwerck (youth), Jon Wasson

Spring: Caden Romero (youth), Tracy Romero

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

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

Sierra Sala adds LWF to the agenda.

### **Secretary’s Report:** Sierra Sala.

There was a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Vote and motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup>: Gidget Guidotti

2<sup>nd</sup>: Janet Wohlgemuth

### **President’s Report:** (Youth Council returned the floor to the adult council) Tim Lewis

Tim thanked members of the youth council for participating in a “youth takeover” during the first items of the agenda.

Tim confirmed that Council fundraising and Council committee choices for clubs 2018-2019 will be discussed during the upcoming executive board meeting. He explained the council budget process begin at the March 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting @ 6pm and again at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting @ 6pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane Vorwerck

Beginning balance: \$65,893.15

Total Income: \$9,502.52

Total expenses: \$33,768.72

Ending Available Balance: \$41,626.95

Morgan Stanley: \$55,643.50

Pacific Valley Bank: \$54,399.04

CD Total: \$110,042.54

Combined total: \$151,669.49

Presented budget vs. actual with accurate dates.

**Youth Reports/Club Sharing:**

Lindy Laferty is the teen leader for her club's swine project and is excited to be participating in the fourth fair season. Morgan Hancock of Lockwood talked about the fun she had at Fantastic Field Day and thanked the council for their support. A youth from Gonzales reported that online registration for Presentation Night worked well and that overall attendance is down this year. Dinner will be available for purchase, and CCLs are to send enough evaluators for the event. Janet Wohlgemuth announced that her club is looking for donations of childrens/fun themed pillow cases for a service learning project to help Monterey County Foster youth. The pillow cases will be converted into bags for foster kids who are often made to relocate frequently and abruptly. Members can bring pillowcases for donation at the March and April council meetings.

During Club Sharing the question asked was about record book support through "cheat sheets" or guides to their members and if so; how and when? The discussion showed that many clubs offer a "cheat sheet". These written forms may be uploaded onto club Shutterfly sites or handed out throughout the year. A few clubs include information at their club meetings.

**Fundraising Committee:** Kelly Violini, Diane Vorwerck

Diane announced the Giving Tuesday results and encouraged everyone to spread the word during the next 4-H year.

Families of recently deceased alumni have graciously named local 4-H programs as their charity of choice. The executive board will review the donations at their upcoming meeting.

**LWF Delegation Report:**

Nine representatives from California will attend LWF this year, four of which will come from Monterey County. Sierra Sala spoke.

**Youth Council:**

Luke Vorwerck announced that members will have chances to enter design ideas for the council's fundraising yearbook cover at Presentation Night, Color Me Green, and county council night. The winner will receive a SVF gift basket.

### **All Star/CTA Report:**

All Star Alyssa Hurtado talked about her experience at Youth Summit leadership conference that was held in La Honda. Her team presented a Super Hero theme topic. She brought posters that were used in the 4 sessions. She and her two other All Stars will be the emcees for Presentation Night on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Gonzales.

CTA Mari Horwath wants to visit your club! Contact Dena Jenkinson or Catherine Miller for an appointment. Mari's body of work focuses on how to count #6 Communication Skills in a record book that count towards a Star rank.

To follow the All Stars and CTAs on Instagram visit

@montereycounty4h

@monterey\_county\_ctas

### **Committee Reports:**

**Animal Field Day Wrap-Up** (Chualar): Angie Horwath reported that the two day event (King City and Prunedale) saw over 350 attendees through the online registration. She thanked the LA Hearne company for their support of the 4-H program. She prepared a thank you card for LA Hearne that she asked each club to sign. An official thanks you was issued from Maria de la Fuente, County Director.

**Fantastic Field Day Wrap-Up** (KCR): Carla Ackerman reported that the event went well. Numbers were lower than year's past. The date was discussed among the group. She explained that a couple of young members wandered off into an office to eat their lunch. There was some panic but they were found. Reminder that all members need to understand the expectations at events that are held in public places. Participants were asked to answer a follow up survey and she could share the copies. There was a community service activity in the main room in which members could make a small plant gift and card. Those were taken to patients at a local hospital

**Vegetable Judging** (Mission): Gidget Guidotti reported that none of the participants earned medals. She encouraged leaders to know where to find the vegetable judging resources.

**Dessert Judging** (Lockwood): Staci Wilkins reported the submission numbers were small, but good. This was her club's first year and they learned more about the judging process and awards.

**Poster Contest** (KCR): Carla Ackerman said her club did posters contest. Turn out was also low.

**Judging Contest** (Aromas): absent

**Educational Rotation** (KCBR): absent

**Livestock Judging** (Chualar): Angie Horwath reported a good turn out. The vent was held as a last rotation in the morning. Even with some confusion by the guides, the members who did participate were interested in the session.

**Color Me Green** (Hilltown): none

**County Presentation Day:** Staci Wilkins reminded club leaders to send evaluators. The new online registration is helpful. However, each club leader is to check their member's details.

**Fashion Review** (Buena Vista): Travis Tanaka announced the categories; event's date is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Possibly at the county office.

**Camp Program Report:** Stefanie Burgess announced that 31 teens have been interviewed and selected as counselors; and that the new online registration is open for campers. Fees have not changed and are due within a week of registering at the county offices in Salinas. It is a first come first serve to the first 50 boys and 50 girls. CCLs will receive a list of campers from their club.

There will be an informational meeting for parents on March 19th at the Salinas Ag Offices.

**Calendar:** Kelly Violini announced that a Bay Coast Area Regional Presentation day will be held at Spreckels School on April 7. Kelly is looking for a club to run the lunch as a fundraiser.

**Staff Reports:** Lorin Hofmann-Lurz, Darlene Ruiz

Diversity Program Representative Darlene talked about visiting upcoming Farm Days with outreach materials to get to know the community and schools. She offered to visit clubs.

Community Club Program Representative, Lorin Hofmann-Lurz explained The 4-H Paper Clover campaign with JoAnn's Fabrics will extend into March. The turn out for making the valentine's day cards was great and the goal of making 150 cards was exceeded.

Lorin noted that Lockwood, KCR and at least one other club is rotation out it's Club leaders. She would like to ask volunteer to support holding another "Club team training" in South County.

Shooting Sports is gaining popularity and in need of leaders. There will be an informational session on March 19 at the Salinas Offices in which experienced leader will come and talk to potential new leaders.

It was reminded that registration for regional presentation days will run through the state website and NOT the county. Eligible members are free to compete in any regional presentation day in the state.

She is asking each club to provide it's "wrap up" to the council committee they were in charge of so a historical file could be made and placed on the county website.

Returning adult enrollment ends February 28<sup>th</sup>. If an adult has not completed by then, they cannot run meetings, be in charge of children or have abilities that enrolled volunteer have.

She shared her recent business trip to Fort Collins where she enjoyed 5 days of professional development

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Tim Lewis.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jenell Burk

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

**Next Meeting:**

March 20, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H