

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21, 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) (attending the webinar for CWF in the other room)

2nd Vice President: vacant

Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: Jacque Palmer

Buena Vista: Travis Tanaka

Chualar: Angie Horwath, Brett Wheeler

Greenfield: Luz Maria Arqueta, Elizabeth Hernandez

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

Hilltown: Grant Cremers, Rhonda Hurtado

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes

King City Rural: Kristin Iverson

Lockwood: Tiffany Anthony, Bret Wilkins (youth), Erik Wilkins, Rachel Wilkins (youth), Staci Wilkins

Mission: Claudia "Gidget" Guidotti

Natividad: none

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Diane Vorwerck

Spring: Dani Wilcox, Jessica Wilcox (youth)

All Star/CTA: Jewel Anthony (Lockwood), Blake Iverson (KCR)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: I&R removed from committee reports.

Secretary's Report:

There was a motion to approve the minutes for the February 2017 meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Gidget Guidotti

2nd: Sherree Gonzales

Treasurer's Report: Diane Vorwerck

Beginning Balance: \$66,154.25

Total Income: \$7,794.08

Total Expenses: \$31,972.44

Ending Available Balance: \$35,338.81

Morgan Stanley: \$55,665.32
Pacific Valley Bank: \$54,161.85
CD Total: \$109,827.17
Combined Total: \$154,670.96

President's Report:

Tim expressed desire to continue having a council feature booth at SVF. The council committee selection process for the 2017/18 year will be taking place at the April meeting. A draft of choices was available to review and comment on. The Council's Fundraising Feasibility committee has met twice so far this year, and council board is hoping to make it a legitimate committee next year. Board members Tim Lewis, Kelly Violini and Diane Vorwerck have been active on this committee.

All Star/CTA Report: Jewel Anthony of Lockwood shared her experience of emceeding Presentation Night. Blake Iverson talked about the CTA meetings to focus on their body of work.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:

Bret Wilkins shared his experience at the Western Region Leader's Forum (WRLF). He said it had over 500 attendees from 20 states and 5 provinces of Canada. Next year the conference will be held in San Diego. He was pleased to go and this was another incredible opportunity for him to be a part of.

Rachel Wilkins shared that her club (Lockwood) held a BBQ with profits exceeding last year's. Clubs were asked to share what kind of technology they use to communicate with members. Many clubs relied on e-mails, phone calls, and text messages while other clubs explored using Shutterfly and Instagram. It was agreed that having a club adult or youth volunteer to manage these lists was helpful.

Citizenship Washington Focus:

The 10 delegates and the Advisor were in the other room actively watching a planning webinar for the June trip. Diane Vorwerck announced that the delegates have been hard to work at fundraising by selling candy, working at the local air show, and gaining sponsorships through a letter writing campaign. Diane handed out flyers for a tri tip barbeque that will also benefit the delegates. She restated the delegates are using the council's unused bank account for storing the money.

Committee Reports:

County Presentation Night:

Gonzales: Nicholas Gardoni handed out thank you cards to the event's room monitors and runners and announced that the committee would like to move the 4-H provided registration to online only for next year.

Lockwood: Staci Wilkins announced that some presenters wound up competing under the wrong classifications that had to be corrected night-of. Overall the evening was well done. She also desired online registration for next year.

Fashion Revue (Buena Vista): Travis Tanaka read an e-mail on behalf of committee member Staci Milannesa. County Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, April 29, in Salinas.

Participants are able to enter into multiple categories and members from other counties may be invited to participate.

Color Me Green Run (Hilltown): Rhonda Hurtado announced that over 40 participants have signed up. The event will be held at the Monterey fairgrounds. She also re-stated the money raised this year would go towards the CWF delegates for registration.

Camp Report: Gidget Guidotti announced that 28 camper applications have been submitted so far. Be sure the camper submits their medical release form with the application.

Calendar: The calendar was recognized as current.

Staff Reports: Lorin Lurz

Election time is coming for clubs, it is important to make sure members know about officer positions, and that unique officer positions can be created. It is up to individual clubs if they want to vote in their club leader(s). This step should be added to the club's bylaws.

Lorin is offering an Adult Volunteer meeting on April 29 for people interested in taking on Club Management roles within their clubs. A flyer was provided and an email will go out county-wide.

The last volunteer orientation for the year will be held on April 26. It will be held in Salinas. Clubs need to set up a line item for "enrollment assistance" for next year. She provided the draft for the form that will be used starting July 1. The model will be the council will provide 50% of the fees and the club will provide the other 50%. There is a low income program requirement. During the next 4-H year all enrollment will be completed online. Paper enrollment will be eliminated. However clubs will still off an enrollment night to capture projects, fees, committees or medical release forms. Training and a packet will be provided.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Positions of 2nd Vice President and President are open for nominations.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm by Tim Lewis.

1st: Staci Wilkins

2nd: Gidget Guidotti

Next Meeting:

April 18, 2017 at 7:00pm at the UCCE Ag Office in Salinas.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H