

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 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)

2nd Vice President: vacant

Treasurer: Diane Vorwerck (San Benancio)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Carol Garcia, Lorin Lurz, Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: Andrea McCann, Jacque Palmer

Buena Vista: Travis Tanaka

Chualar: Chad Linley, Michelle Lindley, Diana Powning

Greenfield: Romelia Hernandez, Samuel Hernandez, Samuel Hernandez (youth), Cyndra Ramey

Gonzales: Christina Kaupp

Hilltown: Alyssa Hurtado (youth), Rhonda Hurtado

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes

King City Rural: Trina Hearne, Kristin Iverson

Lockwood: Staci Wilkins

Mission: Claudia "Gidgit" Guidotti

Natividad: Janet Wohlgemoth

Royal Oaks: Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Jenell Burk, Diane Vorwerck

Spring: Courtney Boyels, Caden Romero (youth), Tracy Romero

All Star/CTA: none

Guests: Carol Garcia (staff), Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty (staff)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: None

Secretary's Report:

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

1st: Rhonda Hurtado

2nd: Gidgit Guidotti

There was a correction in the minutes with the wording "camp applications" that should have said "camp counselor applications."

The secretary gave a summary on old letters that had not been read. Luke Vorwerck thanked the council for supplying All Stars with their shirts, Alyssa Hurtado thanked the council for an SLC scholarship, and Ellie Milannesa thanked the council for a college scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Vorwerck

Beginning Balance: \$64,765.02

Total Income: \$7,649.29

Total Expenses: \$3,392.16

Ending Available Balance: \$69,022.15

Morgan Stanley: \$55,665.32

Pacific Valley Bank: \$54,161.85

CD Total: \$109,827.17

Combined Total: \$178,849.32

President's Report: Tim announced that there will be a Council budget planning session for the 2017/18 4-H year at the South County meeting on March 21st. A prototype of the fundraising survey was sent out for critiques before it went live in an online survey. Results will be discussed at an upcoming fundraising committee meeting on March 13.

All Star/CTA Report: Blake Iverson shared his experience on giving his CTA presentation to Hilltown.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing: Alyssa Hurtado shared information on the Color Me Green Run and a BBQ following the event on March 25 at the MCF fairgrounds. Hilltown will also share a club presentation night with Chualar to prepare for County Presentation Night on March 3.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Night Date Request (Greenfield): Cyndra Ramey reported that the previous year's Achievement Night venue in Greenfield won't be available until a later date in October. After discussion, it was decided to have a tentative reservation while the Soledad High school location and date is explored.

Animal Field Day Wrap-Up (Chualar): Michelle Lindley reported a successful event and encouraged future events use online registration as it made it much easier to make preparations. Over 300 people attended the two day event at LA Hearne locations in King City and Prunedale. If repeated next year she would like to change the scheduling for certain exhibits as well as have exhibits that discuss one specific species.

Leadership Extravaganza Wrap-Up (Spring): Caden Romero shared that over 30 members attended the event. State Ambassadors Trent Baldwin and Bret Wilkins were guest speakers on learning how to have equal partnership with parents and youth members. Caden suggested possibly moving the event from January to November, since the month of January has so many events.

Fantastic Field Day Wrap-Up

KCR: Kristen Iverson reported over 100 in attendance. Planning and logistics went well.

Aromas: Jacque Palmer talked about their "Rate Our Plate" activity that focused on calorie count which included a fun button making activity.

Natividad: Natividad hosted a photo skills activity that showed participants how to compose photos for fair entry. They were also in charge of final tabulations and certificates. Janet Wohlgemoth spoke.

Mission: Gidgit Guidotti shared that while vegetable judging was a popular event, the participants need additional help preparing for the event in order to judge well. No one scored into a gold category.

Buena Vista: Travis Tanaka shared that the youth judges were briefed on how to judge desserts and had fun tasting the various entries.

County Presentation Night

Gonzales: Christina Kaupp announced that there will be a 5:15 check in time and shared the difficulties with paper applications and suggested moving to online registration for next year. The club's beef and goat project will be hosting refreshments.

Lockwood: Staci Wilkins announced that nine more judges are needed to fill the minimum requirement.

Color Me Green Run (Hilltown): Rhonda Hurtado announced that online registration is available through Eventbrite, and that committee members are available to visit club meetings to encourage registration.

Fashion Revue (Buena Vista): Staci Milannesa announced this year's categories, the event is on April 29.

Expansion and Review (KCBR & KCR): Mary Hughes announced a meeting at the SVF fairgrounds on February 28.

Sectional Presentation Day: Two days are available for members to choose from. The first is available on March 25 at SLO, and April 22 in San Jose. Kelly Violini spoke.

Camp Report: Camper applications will open up in March and the next planning meeting is on February 27. Three counselor spots are open for boys. Applications will re-open to encourage more to apply for the male position. Gidgit Guidotti spoke.

Calendar: The calendar was recognized as current.

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Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty gave a prepared power point presentation on the Latino Youth Outreach programs that are being implemented in Monterey County and across the state. She explained that there are various delivery modes to offer 4-H programs to groups and individuals, including special interest programs (SPIN clubs) and after-school enrichment programs. In her presentation she projected the target number of Latino youth enrollment in the 4-H program for the next 10 years. The need to include more youth from different backgrounds and cultures to keep the 4-H program thriving was apparent. She opened up a discussion and answered questions from club leaders.

Carol Garcia gave an update on her current projects regarding outreach.

Unfinished Business:

The 2nd Vice President position is still open for nominations.

New Business: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm by Kelly Violini.

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2nd: Rhonda Hurtado

Next Meeting:

March 21, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds.

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H