

Ventura County 4-H Council
August 30, 2017 - General Meeting
Ventura County Cooperative Extension Office Conference Room

- 1) Heather called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance were:

Heather Wray, Council President - presiding
Kitty Beckmann, Council Vice President
Leslie Bellmore, Council Treasurer
Heidi Marshall, Council Member at Large
Jenean Bass, Council Corresponding Secretary
Sue Poland, Council Recording Secretary

Susana Bruzzone-Miller, 4-H Office Staff

Amanda Drews (youth)
Deion Gerhard
Jackie Larson
Virginia Reyes

Julie Salomonson
Adler Striegel (youth)
Laurel Wilvert

Flag salute was led by Amanda. Adler led us in the 4-H Pledge.

- 2) **Treasurer Report**

- a) Leslie reported our Opening Balance was \$16,807.71; we have \$639.40 in outstanding deposits, \$6760.63 in outstanding checks, \$4683.16 earmarked in sub-accounts, leaving \$6003.32 available to the Council.
- b) Sub-account balances as of 8/29/17 are as follows: Equine: 15.77, Large Livestock: 1129.93, Large Animal FD: 890.11, Small Animal: 724.79, Small Animal FD: 790.52, Family/Consumer Sci: 436.64, SLC Chaperone: 36.00, All-Stars: 474.00, SLC Scholarships: 185.40.
- c) This month, we've had \$585.40 income and \$229.96 expenses.

- 3) **Minutes** from June 21, 2017 Council meeting were distributed and reviewed. Note that the \$600 loan that had been approved for the Small Livestock group was never tendered, as the grant check cleared in time to purchase their belt buckles.

Motion to approve minutes from June 21, 2017 (Amanda, Virginia) passed unanimously.

- 4) **Correspondence:** Jenean reported sending a sympathy card to Earl Holder (T & T Truck and Crane), thank you note sent to Tractor Supply Company in Moorpark for their donation, publicity flyers were created and distributed for Fair Swine Bowl, Rabbit Bowl, Avian Bowl, Fall Kick-Off, and she submitted save-the-date entries to Clover Lines for September and October editions.

PDC Liaison: On Kitty's behalf, Heather reported that this year's PDC Chairs will be:
Leadership - Rachel McClanahan
Skills - Heidi Marshall

Kaleidoscope - Kitty Beckmann
Consumer Science - Edith Sorenson
Small Animal - Crystal McLean
Large Animal - Virginia Reyes
Equine - Rhonda West Jessie West Catherine Good

All volunteers must be sure to complete the online volunteer training.

5) **Reports:**

- a) **Office Report:** Susana told us she has invested a lot of energy into the 4-H website. Please take a look, and if you see anything needing attention, please contact her.
- b) **Family/Consumer Science PDC:** no report
- c) **Equine PDC:** no report
- d) **Small Animal PDC:** no report
- e) **Leadership PDC:** no report
- f) **Skills PDC:** Heidi reported that Saturday, September 16 will be Record Book Evaluation day. Interviews will be done on Monday, September 25.

Melissa Lalum, from Loma Vista, will lead a Countywide Presentation Project. This group will meet twice: 11/18 and 1/6. More details will come out in Clover Lines.

- g) **Southern Area:** For Edith, Jenean shared about 4-H organization structure: Ventura County, and all counties to our south, make up the Southern Area (formerly called South Section). The area level groups coordinate programs and events in their areas, including field days, presentation days, and providing fee waivers for certain conferences and events. To pay for these programs, the Area groups charge a fee to each of their Counties. Historically, our fee has been about \$200. This year, it's \$203.25.
- h) **All Stars/Emerald Stars:** Jenean reported that 3 members completed Emerald Stars last year (Audrey Hargleroad, Gabi Billington, Anna Sorenson). This year, one has been completed (Amanda Drews), one is in process (Jessica Poland), and one is awaiting approval (Alex Thompson)

Amanda reported to the Council on her Emerald Star project – planning and presenting this year's 4-H booth at the County Fair. Her work included Fair paperwork, planning content, building displays, collecting project materials from other members and clubs, building the booth before Fair opened, and tearing it down when all was done. She reports on her project to the Emerald Star Committee, the Council, and then will write a Clover Lines article about it. She will receive her star at Achievement Night.

- i) **Friends of 4H:** Heather told the Council about this letter-writing fundraiser. It was last done 2 years ago, and brought in about \$4,000. If anyone is seeking a simple volunteer opportunity to work with the County, this one involves printing letters, stuffing envelopes, and mailing. The letter will go out during the fall. Please contact Heather if you'd like to help.

6) **Open Issues:**

- a) **Calendars:** Heather: All PDC meetings should be on Annabel's calendar by now. Each PDC should plan a minimum of 4 meetings per year. Scheduled meetings could be planned before/after other PDC or Council meetings to boost attendance.
- b) **Reimbursement Policy:** Leslie: To receive a reimbursement check by the end of the month, all receipts need to be turned in to the office by the 15th.
- c) **Upcoming Events:**
 - 9/5: Fair Livestock/ Equestrian Committee Meeting, 4:00 in the Fair Administration Office Conference Room. Heather read the agenda.
 - 9/16: Record Book Judging
 - 9/23: Southern Area Field Day
 - 9/30: Fall Kick-Off
 - 10/4: Science Night
 - 10/5: Achievement Night (record books, stars, assorted awards)
 - 10/14: Livestock Quiz Bowl at the Cow Palace – a qualifying event for FFA and 4-H teams to go to the National Round-Up in Denver.
 - 10/21: PDC Leaders Orientation Meeting
 - 10/21: Project Leaders Field Day

Information about these and other upcoming events can be found on the County's website.

7) **New Business:**

- a) **Fall Kick-Off:** This Open House style event will be 9/30 at the Farm. We encourage current 4-H members to come, as well as potential new leaders, and families considering joining 4-H. Information about the event is prominently displayed on the website. If you'd like to showcase your club and its projects at this event, create a display, bring a table, bring a shade tent – whatever works for you.
- b) **State Leadership Conference for Zach Hixson:** In July as SLC was fast approaching, an enrollment mixup left us with a member enrolled for SLC who couldn't go, and a bill that would have to be paid even if no one went. Zach offered to attend, so the board had to take action to cover his expenses.

The board met electronically between July 1 and 6, and ratified motions approving expenditure of the \$500 remaining in our travel subaccount to pay for most of his enrollment fees, and a second motion approving the expenditure of \$99 from the general fund to cover the remainder.

Motion to affirm the action on both of these motions taken by the Council Officers (Deion, Virginia) passed unanimously.

- c) **Bank Signature Card:** Heidi gave an explanation of the credit union's signature card requirements.
Motion to approve Leslie Bellmore, Jenean Bass, Heidi Marshall, and Heather Wray as signers and owners on the University of California 4-H Primary Share and Checking accounts held at Ventura County Credit Union (Laurel, Virginia) passed unanimously.
- d) **Backpacks for Kids:** Adler described her Backpacks for Kids program – collecting backpacks of school supplies and flipflops for children in Nicaragua. This year she also hopes to collect funds to purchase computers for high school students there. Clubs interested in participating in this community service project, please contact her and she'll send the details. She also would happily come to club meetings to share information and a slide show about this project.
- e) **TOTSOCE:** Adler described the Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat program. This community service project encourages clubs to collect canned food items for FOOD Share. The program will run 10/1-11/10 this year. There will be a kick-off event at FOOD Share on 10/3 at 6:00. Club members are given a 50-pound challenge – each youth who collects 50 pounds of food will receive a nice certificate from the County Office. If your club would like to participate, contact Adler and she'll send you all the information.
- j) Fair Review comments were collected from all in attendance. These will be combined with the pages that the Board received on Monday, and relevant suggestions and compliments will be forwarded to Fair Management.

8) Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Heather Wray, President _____ Date _____

Susan Poland, Secretary _____ Date _____