

Imperial County 4H Leaders Council
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Shannon Magana at 6:05 pm at the Farm Bureau in El Centro. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge led by Katie Magana. Roll call was conducted by sign in. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report by Becky Poloni:

Checking Account Balance: \$81,283.00

The savings account is currently closed.

Shanna Abatti said we needed to add another signer to the checking account so Angie Ortiz could be removed. She suggested Joanne Smith, Leader Council secretary be added. A motion was made to add Joanne Smith as a third signer. The motion was seconded and carried.

Special Guest

Annie from Verde 4H club gave a presentation on their sewing project. They are making 4H uniform scarves and selling them for \$10 each. This is a \$5 savings. If you're interested in placing an order, contact Sherry O'Malley at slomalley@iid.com.

Dillon Sanchez spoke for the TIC delegation. There are 14 teens attending the "Teen Involvement Conference" at a cost of \$120/person. With the expense of the holidays and the benefits the members would bring back to their clubs, the delegates would like the Leaders Council to fund \$40/member to offset the individual cost. A motion was made to fund \$40/person to attend TIC. The motion was seconded and carried.

Old Business

The citizenship application and interview process took place on November 18. There are four candidates going to the Cal Focus conference and four delegates to go to Washington DC.

There are still 5 open spots available for the TIC conference on January 16-19.

The percentage checks from the profits of the BBQ are available and can be picked up from Becky at the end of the meeting.

The 4H Christmas market was held on December 4th. A total of \$1046 was made. The money will be used for the "still exhibit" building at the fairgrounds.

Judging Day was moved to May 2. Garden Delights will be on the same day at the Frank Wright middle school in Imperial. Please have participants RSVP for Garden Delights this year.

Steven Johnson gave an update on the Junior and Teen Leader Retreat held November 21st. He said it was well attended and from the positive survey feedback they received, they would plan another one in the future.

Santa's Reading Workshop was held on December 7 at the Frank Wright Middle School in Imperial. Over 150 children attended. The group felt it was a big success.

New Business

Fair online entries are due by February 1st. The Showworks program is up and running.

The Small Animal prefair and the Plant Show, hosted by Star Route 4H and the Large Animal prefair, hosted by Southwest Valley 4H and Holtville 4H are scheduled for January 31st. The location hasn't been finalized yet. They're trying to hold it at the fairgrounds this year.

Forms will be emailed to all of the clubs this year to sign up volunteers to help at the fair. Volunteers will help receive the Still exhibits beginning on February 23. We will need runners for the auction as well. Each club should get volunteers at their meetings this month and bring the forms back to the February Leaders Council meeting. Other supplies that are needed are tape, pins, scissors, paper clips and sharpies. It is also helpful if the exhibits are labeled with the member's name, age and club on the back or bottom.

Fair passes will be available online this year. Families can order passes individually. Clubs can purchase for their groups. There were questions/discussion about this new process. Shanna said there are step by step instructions in the November Intercom. She will follow up on some of the deadline questions and confirm the prices.

There was a lot of discussion about the Knowledge Bowl that is held the last day of the fair. It was agreed to keep it at 3:00 pm. The questions come from the Knowledge Bowl book online. Each club can have two junior teams and two senior teams. The questions can be set up as rounds or Jeopardy style. It was voted to keep them set up as rounds again this year, and maybe do Jeopardy style next year. There are belt buckles for the winning teams.

All Star Report

Steven Johnson gave a big thank you to the Leaders Council for all their support. He gave a report on all the activities they've been involved in over the past several weeks. They made \$3300 selling tri tip sandwiches at Cattle Call. They helped to decorate a float for the Rose Bowl parade and helped with the Santa's Reading Workshop. They attended a Stockmens club meeting and plan to meet with all the clubs during their January and February meetings if everyone's schedules allow for it.

4H Staff Report

Shanna reported that not all clubs are in compliance with their APR forms or their budgets. To show at the fair you must be in good standing with your leaders. Leaders have to monitor members for project completion and updated APRs. The budgets, planning guides, and excess fee statements must be completed before February 1st or they will be unable to show at the fair. Shanna is available to help anyone who needs it.

Livestock Leaders Report

The No Go No Show dates and times were reviewed. These are listed online and in the Intercom. There is a list online that shows when you have to go through training again. The training will be held at the Preble Building.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Smith