

Imperial County 4H Leaders Council
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM at the Farm Bureau in El Centro and was led by President, Anita Martinez. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Aneesa Marie Arreola, third year 4Her from Calexico 4H and 4H Pledge was led by Analise Arreola, first year 4H member also from Calexico 4H.

Roll Call was accomplished by sign-in sheet and a quorum was established.

August 2018 Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Nikki Kenagy, M&M 4H to approve the minutes. Hannah Cartee, SWV, seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Hannah Cartee provided the Treasurer's report. A handout was provided. Ending balance is \$63,988.41. Linda Sanchez made a motion to approve the report, Jennifer Holdridge seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

SPECIAL GUEST: The 2018 Washing Focus delegates, Hannah Cartee and Hayden Hulsey shared their experience and presented their community service learning project, "Healthy Eating and Healthy Living." The delegates shared that they have reached out to a local doctor and the Imperial County Health Department and will also work with club Healthy Living Officers to get their message spread throughout the valley. The team will use technology including an Instagram challenge such as jump for a minute or jump for 4h# video. A long term goal is to incorporate and recognize club and member efforts at Achievement Night. The duo thanked the council for supporting their trip. A few council members asked some questions.

OLD BUSINESS

4H Kickoff-Shanna said it was AWESOME, and others shared her sentiments. The event was held in a new area in the mall and participants agreed it was super busy and no down time. It was shared by Kerri Smelser that the Calexico Chronicle has an article in today's newsprint.

BBQ-It is trucking along, Mr. Poloni is in charge of the event. Permits are approved and a huge shout out was given to the committee in charge.

Poster Competitions-New this year is that all posters are due Sept 28. Details in intercom.

Linda Sanchez added that she working on a Scrapbooking county project and welcomes members interested in working on their posters to contact her. Shanna discussed how a poster can count for various categories within the record book.

Enrollment-Discussed current pricing.

County wide Projects-Contact Linda Sanchez at 760-355-2531 if interested in scrapbooking. Shooting sports looks like it will get a kickoff if the council can assist with start up costs. It is estimated \$1000 would be needed to buy equipment and the focus would be archery and open to members 9 and up.

Action was tabled to October.

Officer Training-All Star Hayden Hulsey shared that the event would need to change venue and information would be sent out as soon as confirmed. It will be from 9-2 PM, lunch would be provided and SWV is providing snacks. New to the event will be a Parli Pro Amazing Race. All were encouraged to send their officers and their Healthy Living Officers.

Other Old Business-It was asked by Nikki Kenagy if the endowment funds discussed at last meeting could apply to the skills event. Shanna informed the council that the dollars would not be available this year but could for next year. Kenagy asked if an item could be placed on the agenda to vote to give money to the event expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Tractor Supply-Jennifer Holdridge shared that we are going to do sign ups this year and each club was encouraged to pick their date. Shanna also shared the top county for clovers will be able to receive 1 SLC scholarship. The council shared some strategies and activities to do if they participate in the event. Feel free to contact Jesse Zendejas at Tractor Supply 760-550-6200 or the store 760-312-9734.

National 4H Week--Oct 9 is the Big Hoorah. Wear your 4H colors and share on social media. Clubs interested in doing the Proclamations to city officials need to speak with Shanna.

Mini-Grant-There is an opportunity to apply for mini grant in the area of Consumer Science, art/crafts, dramas, musical or community service

30 Days of Doing-a social media event on Facebook and opportunity to earn \$10,000 in scholarship at 4h.org

National 4H Conference-free to members who are selected. Must be 16-18.

Youth in Action-National award, \$250 gift card will be given to the county with most applicants.

Youth must be 16-18, create a 1 minute video and excel in Ag, STEM, community service or healthy living.

National Youth Science-this event will take place during the bike ride. Amanda was not present to provide additional details.

Mindfulness Retreat-September 15 is deadline. Kenagy asked if the council was giving scholarships this year. It was clarified that last year's funds were from Color Me Green Run. Linda Sanchez moved that the council set aside \$1000 for youth to attend Mindfulness conference/1 per club. Margo seconded the motion because the idea is to inspire new kids to attend to build leadership. A vote was taken and all in favor.

Leader Training-review the links

Idea and Leader Sharing-Kenagy shared the Desert Review is wanting to create a kid friendly news print. Shanna shared that she is in talks with the Desert Review. Jennifer T. shared the Little Library Program and how it would be a great community project for any club. Linda S. shared she brought craft books to share.

Other--Linda inquired about the fair and still exhibit entries. Shanna stated the committee is still discussing.

4H STAFF REPORT

Shanna offered to conduct a 30 minute returning leaders training after the next leaders council meeting. She reminded the clubs about fundraising and that she needs the outreach documents. Ideas for succession planning was held. Shanna encourages club to create a 3 year plan. She offered to assist any club.

It was shared that SWV, Holtville and Verde are doing rocketry. Kenagy inquired about what to do when they reach capacity? See Shanna.

LIVESTOCK

Jennifer shared they had no meeting but do expect to do so soon. There will be new voting for officers.

At 7:31 Jennifer Holdridge moved to adjourn. Jennifer T. seconded. All were in favor.