

Kings County 4H Council Minutes
February 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by 1st Vice President Arlene Maccagno.

The pledges were given by Evie & Natlie Starich. Introductions were completed. The Minutes were read and approved by Lilly Pimentel and Alda Silva. The Treasurer's report was given by Alda Silva. We still have one club that has not turned in their money and additional money was given that night. Aimee Daniel approved and Jerry Jones seconded the report as given. Correspondence was read by Stacey Daniel. There was a letter of resignation from President Dave Lowas. There was a motion to approve his request by Lilly and Seconded by Sue Lafferty. Our by-laws allow the First Vice President to succeed should there be a vacancy. As such, a Motion was made by Kathy Sargent and seconded by Lilly naming Arlene Maccagno as the President. There was also a request from the State Fashion Revue seeking a donation. This is already provided for in the Budget and will be processed. A "Thank You" was submitted from the Episcopal Church of the Saviour for the food donated after the Council BBQ.

PRESENTATIONS: Trista Fry of Oakvale presented the council with "Bah Bah Black Sheep" on her violin. She then explained the parts of the violin. She is 7 years old and has been playing for 2 years.

REPORTS: The Allstar report was given on the results of LCORT. Their presentation at LCORT was on Goal Setting. Those in attendance were given keychains with the acronym "SMART" and then they were allowed to pick another bead that represented their goal. They received positive feedback on their presentation. Evie and Natlie Starich presented the Council their Emerald Star Project, a Judging Day in March. They had fliers and asked the Leaders to take them to their clubs. They will also be having a canned food drive that day. Michele White was there to discuss Thrive. There is a preparation meeting on 2/14/13 and the project meeting is on 2/26/13 at 6:30. Aimee Daniel and Paige McConnaughy gave an update on Washington Focus. They will have a food booth at the 4H Fair and are asking all clubs to Volunteer 2 adults at each shift. There was also a motion made by Sue and seconded by Lilly to move \$171.00 from a previous participant's account to the current attendee's to share. This was voted on and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The Kings County 4H Photo Contest results were provided. We had 32 entries received by 9 4H members. The results were published in the February Youth Talk. Congratulations to all who participated. These photos will be used to promote 4H and will be on display at upcoming events.

The Favorite Foods, Place Setting and Presentation Day will be held on 2/23/13. Please encourage all members to attend and participate. Detailed information is available on the website, entries are due on 2/14/13, and you may enter on-line or by hard copy. Participants do not need to be enrolled in a Foods project to participate in Favorite Foods or Place setting. Presentation Day will need youth room monitors and adults to help

judge. They are looking for a club or group to host the food booth and you will be reimbursed for lunches for the judge.

NEW BUSINESS: The Tulare County 4H Summer Camp has invited Kings County to attend. The Camp will be held at the YMCA Camp Gains from 6/23-6/28. It is available for 4th – 9th Grades. Camper registration is \$240 and applications are available at the UCCE office.

4H Fair has had a suggested change to the Indoor Schedule, for the date. It was suggested to possibly move it to Wednesday to allow more kids that show livestock to not feel so rushed and be able to fully appreciate the Indoor Exhibits as well. Research completed indicated that there would not be an additional charge to use the Fairgrounds early. After much discussion the consensus was to leave it as is and no change is warranted.

This year is the 100th Centennial for 4H and we are looking for ways to Celebrate this within our own County. A recommendation was made to have T-shirts available to all kids that participate in the 4H fair. This was Tabled to allow research on cost of Tshirts. A Banner Contest will take place that has to indicate your County/Club and the winner will go to the State and be displayed there and used at State events. Take this back to your clubs and come up with some ideas. Lilly Pimentel also made the recommendation for 4H to obtain a Key to the County and or a County Proclamation.

There was discussion on how to get youth involved in the 4H Fair. They can be assistants to the Manager of a Department and help is needed in the large Round Robin.

The Emerald Star committee met regarding changes to the current application Entrance and Exit Process, as well as requirement for the Emerald Star. A suggestion was made to change the requirements and make it mandatory to have a Bronze Star to complete the Emerald Star process. After much debate and discussion it was recommended to keep the current criteria for the Emerald Star. The Application and Entrance Interview has been changed to give a detailed explanation so both participant and parent understand the process and expectations. A special thanks to those on the committee: Sue Lafferty, Michelle White, Stephanie Fry, Nancy Fry, Alda Silva and Gay Hooper.

The end of Council Officers term is approaching and they need a Nomination Committee to seek nominees. Volunteers are Lilly Pimentel, Arlene Maccagno, Kathy Sargent and they will meet before the April Meeting. They will be soliciting individuals to slate an Officers Council and they will be voted at the May Meeting with installation at the Leaders Dinner.

REPORT FROM 4H STAFF: The Revolution of Responsibility is giving up to \$1,000.00 for a service learning project, with the deadlines being 3/15, 5/15, 7/15, 9/15 and 11/15/13.

There has been policy updates regarding Fundraising and how to raise funds. If a 4H member is raising funds for an organization outside 4H, they must advertise it as such. 4H members may contribute to an organization outside 4H by providing services or supplies but not through direct cash donations, but they can if it is through a Memorial.

America's Farmers Grow Communities, a program sponsored by Monsanto provides a local farmer \$2500. 4H requested farmers that qualified complete an application and designate 4H as their organization that would benefit from the funds. Dino Giacomazzi was the selected recipient. A date will be scheduled for him to receive the funds and or award presentation in the near future, please watch for this date.

The next meeting will be held on 3/5/13 at 7:00.

Sue Lafferty made a motion to adjourn the meeting , and Aimee Daniel seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.