

Kings County 4-H Leaders Council

February 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Loretta Toledo at 7:00 PM.

The American pledge was led by Aidan Hair of Corcoran 4-H and the 4-H pledge by Ashley Olson of Oakvale 4-H. Self- introductions followed. Those present reviewed the minutes from the January meeting and a motion was made by Angela Loogman to accept the minutes as printed and the motion was seconded by Jerry Jones. In the absence of the treasurer, Alda Silva, the treasurer's report was presented and approved. (Motion made by Jennifer Sheldon and seconded by Cortney Bell.) Correspondences were received from the Episcopal Church of the Savior for the leftovers from the BBQ fundraiser to be used at the Soup kitchen, and from the Junior Fair board for helping purchase awards for the fair.

Presentation:

A special presentation was given by Margaret Wilhelm, a former 4-H mother, on hosting foreign exchange students through programs like the World Link Student Exchange that is sponsored through the State Department. Students arrive in August and depart in May or June. Two students accompanied Margaret and shared their experiences to date.

Standing Reports:

All Stars, Mara Lewis and Ashley Olson reported on their experiences at LCORT giving a presentation on public speaking and the "Color Me Green Run" as well as Presentation Day. Michelle White announced the first Thrive meeting took place with the new curriculum focusing on healthy living was introduced. New members are welcome to attend. Michelle White also reported on the WA Focus fundraising that has been planned to date which includes: rib drive through dinner on February 21st, a food booth at the Western Classic Junior Dairy Show and the 4-H Fair. The next Sectional Leaders Council meeting will be Saturday, February 14th at the Fowler Library from 10 am to 1 pm.

Old Business:

Kings County sent 7 All Stars and 13 delegates to LCORT and they were accompanied by 2 adult chaperones. The 4-H fair was discussed. The indoor exhibit building will be open Friday from 4 to 7 for viewing of the exhibits and again Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon. Exhibits will be released from 12 to 1 pm on Saturday. At release time, items will need to be signed out. For set-up, clubs will be provided 2 covered tables. If more display space is needed, clubs will be responsible for providing additional tables and/or display items. Clubs are encouraged to be creative. Set-up will begin on Thursday at noon. Angela Loogman, Livestock Exhibits Manager led the discussion on the Livestock Division at the 4-H Fair. Discussion followed regarding showmanship classes for Beef Market Calves (Baby Beef) and Market Steers. The discussion gave consideration to combining the showmanship classes for the two types of beef like at the Kings Fair. Jerry Kling made a motion to keep the Beef Market Calves and the Market Steers showmanship classes separate at the 4-H Fair. The motion was seconded by Cathy Lowas. Motion passed (yes-10/No-6). The release times were discussed for all livestock and dairy (dairy goats, pygmy

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goats, beef, sheep and swine, dairy cattle). Karl French made a motion that all large animals (including dairy goats, pygmy goats, beef, sheep, swine and dairy) remain at the 4-H Fair and be released after the Awards are presented on Saturday. The motion was seconded by Judy Rhoades. The motion passed. Loretta Toledo announced that families may camp at the fair grounds during the 4-H Fair. The price will be the same as regular campers, the location is by the old fire house and it is important to book early as spaces are limited.

Georgene Diener read the information submitted by Paul Silva that summed up the recommendation from the Record Book Committee. The committee recommended that Kings County follow the State 4-H Record Book guidelines. Discussion followed. The stumbling block has been how to count Farm Day. Michelle White made a motion to follow the State 4-H guidelines in all aspects and to grandfather in the rules for Farm Day for the 2015-2016 4-H year. (Presentations given at Farm Day would receive 1 credit on the PDR for presentations under the Communication section.) The motion was seconded by Lilly Pimentel. The motion passed.

Georgene reported on the upcoming Food Olympics and Presentation Day to be held February 21st. Entry deadline is Feb. 6th. Judges are still needed for Presentation Day as well as 4-H members to volunteer for master of ceremonies and room monitors. The All Star Scholarship was discussed. Georgene was not able to shed any light on what kinds of details of the scholarship that can be changed without going through the lengthy legal process. Lilly Pimentel made a motion to continue to pursue this topic and it was seconded by Bonnie Lowas, motion passed.

New Business:

The County Fashion Revue was discussed. Lil Draxler brought it to the Council 's attention that there is a conflict with the scheduled date on March 21st. Ambassador interviews are that same day to be held in Davis. Lil Draxler made a motion to change the date of the Fashion Revue to March 28th with judging to begin at 1 PM and the Fashion Show remaining the same (4:30 PM at the Remington). The motion was seconded by Lilly Pimentel and the motion passed.

Emerald Star interviews are scheduled for March 26th. Georgene announced that Entrance interviews would be included for those planning summer or fall Emerald Star projects. Lilly Pimentel expressed concerns that her members (Judging Day) did not have a positive entrance interview experience. She emphasized that the Emerald Star committee needs to come to Council with recommendations to be approved. (i.e.- recycled white and judging day type projects that have been done for a number of years.) Lilly Pimentel made a motion to create a Committee to work on these issues related to Emerald Star. The motion was seconded by Lil Draxler. The motion passed. The committee will review timelines and procedures.

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Report from the 4-H Staff:

There was a reminder about Farm Day to be held on March 12th. A Quality Assurance & Ethics Training to qualify to show at the CA State Fair is scheduled for Feb. 27th at 5 pm at the Fair Grounds.

State Leadership Conference is at UC Irvine on July 23-26th. Anyone interested in teaching as session there may apply on-line and applications are due March 6th. The SLC support group is also accepting applications until April 18th. Corcoran 4-H was honored by the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce as the Organization of the Year. Congratulations to Corcoran! 4-H Program Fees are past due! Please pay your fees as soon as possible.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm at the UCCE Office-multipurpose room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Secretary for Stacey Daniel