

Orange County Council Meeting - Virtual Minutes**3/24/2020**oc4hcouncil@gmail.com

Attendance: Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Beverly Schrieber, Melissa Sara, Dominique Montes, Gina Montes, Wes Alcott, Rachel Horn, Allison Kari, Heather Hernandez, Mollie Hernandez, Gerard Jensen, Kelly Speakman

Opening- The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Montes, at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance / 4-H Pledge: Dominique Montes led the pledges.

Review Minutes: Brian Montes screen-shared the minutes from last month. A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented was made by Wes Alcott, seconded by Gina Montes and passed.

Reports:

Teen Council Update: Dominique Montes reported that they plan to visit other clubs. They want to get more members after the coronavirus is over.

Officer Reports:

President's Report: Brian will talk later.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Sara gave the following: February 2020 Treasurer Report -Checking – Opening Balance \$31,840.15 - Closing Balance \$ 31,597.11 - Check w/drawals -\$243.04 - #3638 \$79.65 Esperanza Soto-Reyes Food Fiesta Expenses - #3639 \$45.49 Sandy Jacobs - Achievement Day 2020 - #3641 \$101.90 Sandy Jacobs Achievement Day 2020 - #3642 \$16.00 Nicole Miller Live Scan - Savings - Opening Balance \$33,109.02 - Interest earned \$0.52 - Closing Balance \$33,109.54. Checks are being deposited via phone. Rita gave her checks. Hope to get Quick books up and running by the end of April. Irvine schools will be closed until May 11. Signatories will need to wait also.

Scholarship Committee: Rita announced the donation of \$400.00 promised from Alex Martin to fund the Guthrie Scholarship again. Gina is sending thank you notes. The check was deposited by Melissa.

Stem Task Force & Task Force Updates: Brian Montes said that the Stem opportunities have come to a grinding halt. Broadcom Foundation Engineering Fair- Anaheim Convention Center- May 14 was cancelled. Rita and Brian had a good conversation with Lori, the program coordinator for the STEM program at the UCI School of Engineering. Soon Virtual and Live events will open for the kids. We will continue to use this down-time to build our relationships. There is a lot of stuff going on in the county.

County Ambassadors: None

Club Updates: - each meeting all clubs share what they are working on/have accomplished

Fountain Valley Cloverdales: None

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders: None

Fullerton Hills: Wes said that the goats came in. Four kids have goats. The pigs came in too. Three kids have pigs this year. They are proceeding as normal for fair. Some of the other kids have gotten rid of their animals and are not going. They are holding in and trying to get buyers. They usually go to the Citrus Fair but it is off. Some of the local schools will have a hard time getting rid of their animals.

La Habra Hilltoppers: Dominique said that they are pretty much on hold. She said that she and her Mom, Gina took flowers, from County Council, to Liz Broadbent, from FBS club. They stayed and talked for a couple of hours. Liz was very excited about the flowers. Dominique said that the pigs have come in. They are moving forward with the animal projects.

Lake Forest Superstars: None

Mesa Goathill Go-Getters: Allison Kari reported that they are not doing much since the virus. Some of the leaders are sending things via e-mail links. Swallow's Day Parade has been cancelled.

Orange Acres Backbreakers: Melissa said that they sent an e-mail out to all of the families about the March meeting. They got half of their goats. The others will come soon. Pigs are coming within the week. Dairy heifers will come in the next 2 weeks. They are trying to proceed as normal. They have a couple sheep in the project. The kids have been told that even if something else happens, there will be meat in the freezer. Brian said that OC Fair is still trying to go on. Maybe it has been moved to early August. Melissa spoke with Nik directly and asked about the YCPA and he said that they have not told any vendors to cancel. So it is a - make it or break it event, but who knows. Brian said that it sounds like most clubs are going ahead with the livestock projects.

Orange Villa Buckaroos: Kelly Speakman said that they are in a kind of holding pattern. They lost their meeting place for March and April. No word about May. They may meet virtually in April. Maybe they can use zoom or find video lessons for some of the projects that are going. Brian added that Zoom is working for adults but maybe not for a bunch of kids. Kelly said that her daughter's ballet class had about 20 students on zoom today.

Trabuco Trailblazers: None

Tri-Cities: Mollie Hernandez said that they had a small turnout for the March meeting. They enjoyed playing a game and they are just trying to move forward. They lost their meeting location because it was at Sonora High School. There are a few kids interested in rabbits; but, they do not own them yet. There are a few steer and dairy members.

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf: Rachel Horn said that they had their March meeting. Since they meet at the Library, she assumes that they will not be able to have their April meeting. The only projects that will be moving forward will be the livestock projects. They just received their pigs. The sheep are coming this week.

DSAOC Superkids: Gerard Jensen said that they have one member. There are a few "hangars-on". They are looking to regroup and plan for next year to bring on some fresh folks. They did several things before we all went on hold like everyone else.

County 4-H Program Representative: Rita Jakel has good news. She has sent out the By-Laws, Constitution and Organization Chart. It was sent to the general membership for review and voting at the April meeting. The April meeting will need to be virtual because no in-person events until April 30th. We may want to figure out some other kind of voting. We have time to decide. She gave us a heads-up on an official policy that will come out in a week or so. The plan is to sunset ORB (Online Record Books) this year. Either the platform is not totally friendly or people are not happy with it , so info will come out in April. Basically, this year's Record Books to be done by ORB & we will have until December 31st and have access to files. Any old record books may be downloaded and saved. As far as Outreach and programming goes, Fashion Revue and Imaginology are on hold. Imaginology has been cancelled at the Fairgrounds; but, we have had conversations about possibly having some kind of substitute event later. There is a lot of practice that kids do for this. Rita has heard today from state that Fashion Revue has been postponed or cancelled. They do not know about the state & Area Field Days. A lot of things are in flux right now. It should not prevent us from looking ahead in an optimistic way and trying to recapture some of the events for kids. Darren has given us permission, when the facility is open to the public again, to set up temporary pens for animals if we want to do a small event of our own. That would also tie into Presentation Day. We have a lot of events that have been postponed or cancelled (Pat Nixon Day of Service, The Swallow's Day Parade, Broadcom, Garden Grove Day, OC Park, Open Garden Day). OC Fair is still an unknown. Rita will be on a conference call on Thursday with program reps across the state because other counties are in worse shape than us. Their fairs were scheduled to happen in March or

April. They are looking at what they can do to support their youth who already have their animals. They do not want to end up with an expensive household pet. They are looking to online & virtual options. We will be talking about the possibility of doing those across the state and giving the opportunity to still auction animals. There is still a little bit of precedent of doing that in the auction world. They will be figuring out that as we go. Rita asked if we have an interest of doing this in our county if it becomes necessary. Brian said - YES. Brian said that their pig breeder offered to get judges for different livestock events so we can certainly look into putting on an event at SCREC to try to capture the livestock side of Imaginology. Rita offered that maybe building entries may be done at an event on-sight as well as soon as the site is released for the public. Open house on June 27th is still an unknown. On the positive side, there are a lot of really good things going on. Rita thanked Wes for the great job he did at Presentation Day. It was a great success. Hopefully we can give Wes the proper acknowledgement that he deserves. Rita talked about plans for next year. We may try to make Presentation Day a true Field Day with livestock events and maybe add a STEM expo. Plan for that day to be bigger and better than this year which was great. We have a year to work on this. A page has been added to our website of resources for families. It is being updated as often as possible with information about events availability. As resources come Rita's way they will be made available for project leaders to work with their members in a virtual way. Is there an interest in putting heads together to share resources, especially online that can be sent to all project leaders. Maybe we can do small meetings like tonight with kids being at their homes. YES. Summer Marsh sent online information to her kids about Bees & Biology. Everyone said - YES. Rita will look into sharing Google Docs etc. Rita said that other counties send out surveys asking what leaders have, what they need, and Rita needs a complete listing of Project Leaders. The Google Doc was sent out early in the year. There are 4 clubs that put nothing on it. Two clubs put partial information. Five of the eleven clubs have complete information. Rita doesn't have a way to contact leaders. This is a bit of frustration for Rita. We need to work better on this. Three clubs have enrolled 0 members (not 1 member or 1 leader) or given a list, paid for or given a roster. It seems like we are really far behind on our enrollment. Scholarship committee awarded a bunch of scholarships. As far as we know camps and SLC will happen. Incentives & Recognitions committee has done amazing work. There is a yearly recognition plan, complete with how things are to be awarded to youth and volunteers and a budget plan on what the costs will be for the program so we can have an actual conversation about it. This will be forthcoming. Once it is all finalized, it will be sent out, possibly for the April meeting. The Marketing committee has cards returned from the printer. Wish we had a place to use them right now. The marketing boxes are complete and ready to be checked out. Both of them were checked out until everything got cancelled. Rita would like to create a new committee, a marketing outreach committee. We can plan for next year. We could start up at the end of the year. Rita will have weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings with the groundswell team for the pilot program about the debit card moving forward. They are creating materials that we need to get up and running. All of our partnerships are on hold. We had great progress so far. She will put together contact information to be ready. Here is a big Thank You to Irvine Nissan in San Juan Capistrano for sponsoring our Ag Derby Track. The Track arrived. Rita wants to open and test it out.

President's Report: Brian said that we need to regroup and plan and hit the ground running when the gates strong when this whole quarantine is lifted. He asked if everyone received the By-Laws that were sent out. YES. He explained that we went through them and made adjustments and now what we need is to have them out for 30 days so everyone can review, adjust, question, discuss before we make a motion to pass/or/not pass them. There were no questions this evening. Rita said that everyone is welcome to send questions and corrections (grammatical errors, spelling errors, etc) to her. The plan is that at our next

meeting we will motion to pass them as our official county By-Laws. After this is done, we will work on our individual club By-Laws so we can get some consistency. Brian said that he talked with a hog breeder and he may have 10-15 extra pigs that cannot be returned. We may need kids for the pigs. Melissa said she may want some more information for a couple of her kids.

Committee Chair(s) Updates:

Fashion Revue: –Fashion Revue 2020 will be postponed. Heather Hernandez's plan is to meet with Rita next week and talk about the possibility of having a virtual Fashion Revue. It might be early May.

Adjournment was at 7:47 p.m.

Next Executive Board Meeting–Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting –Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber