

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 9/22/2020 oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com

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Attendance: Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Melissa Sara, Beverly Schrieber, Lauren Reyes, Laura Castillo, Gina Montes, Vanessa Woolsey, Rachel Horn, Allison Kari, Elizabeth Broadbent, Maddy Mittelstaedt, Heather Hernandez, Esperanza Reyes, Kelly Speakman, Isabelle Speakman, Niki Miller, Rachel Corliss, Brian Kim, Rebecca Russell, Vicky Schroeder, Molly Hernandez

Opening- The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Montes, at 7:07 p.m

4-H Pledge - Lauren Reyes led the pledges.

Review Minutes: Liz Broadbent said that on the Treasurer's Report " Checking balance started with \$40,925.47 and the ending balance was the same. They are not quite the same - 45 cents and 47 cents. Should be \$40,925.47. The second thing was under FBS, when we're talking about the horse show, the "riding" is on the 25th and 27th not "writing". A **motion** to approve the minutes, pending the 2 revisions, was made by Elizabeth Broadbent, seconded by Laura Castillo and passed.

2020/2021 Committee Formation: Brian Montes said that they have made a little progress since last month.

Nominating Committee: Brian said that they are going to need to form the nomination committee sooner rather than later. Allison Kari has graciously agreed to join that committee. I am looking for at least two more volunteers to join the nominating committee and I would like to have that committee formed within the week if at all possible. We need a nomination for the treasurer. This should not be a heavy time consuming committee. Elizabeth Broadbent volunteered to help out. We've got the state horse show this weekend.

Finance & Budget Committee: We've got two people willing to participate. Thank you, Rachel and Nikki. We will get an invitation out for Thursday night at 5pm. We will start working on a draft budget for this year.

Membership & Retention: Still looking to fill these.

Scholarship: Rita said that it is good. The only thing we have is the deadline for the first round of scholarship applications - October 15. There will be virtual programs. - Potentially a virtual mindfulness program and probably migrating SYS (Southern Youth Summit) to virtual. Those are in the early part of the year. There is work to create things like Teens is Teacher Academies. We don't know if they're going to charge for those or not. So I would say for our kids who are interested in having those opportunities to let Rita know in order for her to submit an application or a note to the scholarship committee. If SLC was any indication this past year, they're going to have it one way or the other (virtual or not.) They always have some kind of a fee associated. We can help the youth with the fees. There was an announcement for a Teens as Teachers for the Cooking Academy. They recognize people are going to be needing support. I'm sure they're going to put more of those things together. The scholarship committee has a planned meeting shortly after the October 15th deadline.

Membership & Retention: Brian said that he will make some phone calls on membership and retention. He doesn't think we have any volunteers for that yet. Rita said that she would figure out what their mission statement or goals are, because we haven't had that committee before.

Incentives & Recognition: Rita said that incentives and recognition has had some changes. We do need some members there.

Outreach & Marketing: Brian said that these three committees, really need to be shored up. Rita said that we had to prioritize. I don't think anybody's to feel bad.

Events: No further discussion. on Food Fiesta - Presentation Day - Fashion Revue - Imaginology - Family Day

Teen Council update: Gina Montes said that she and Dominique met on Saturday. We have a couple other kids that are interested in being on the board. The girls talked about different events that they could do with social distancing - maybe a movie night. They wanted to get at least two members from each club to come to teen council. This way we can get more information out to the clubs, do some more social events. We do a lot with livestock, but the kids really don't get to know each other on a social level. We're going to plan another meeting and send out an email once we get the date set.

Treasurer's Report - Melissa Sara sent the following report via e-mail and reported at the meeting. August 2020 Treasury Report - Checking: Beginning \$40,925.47. - Service Fees -\$96.53 (check refill purchase) Ending Balance \$40,828.94 - Savings: Beginning Balance \$33,112.01 - Interest Earned \$0.28 - Ending Balance \$33,112.29. Melissa said that all the paperwork is done. So once I meet with Rita and get the checks from her, I can hand over this last year's financial records and everything to go on to state. Rita asked about the peer review. A **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as given was made by Laura Castillo, seconded by Niki Miller and passed.

County Ambassador report: Lauren Reyes said that the county ambassadors for this upcoming year are Eric Castillo, Sophia Castillo, Serafina Martinez, Dominique Montes and Lauren Reyes. Lauren is the teen advisor.

Her role is to showcase our county ambassadors at the national and state level through articles and other means of communication. Recently, she wrote a piece on Serafina Martinez. She was featured on the National 4-H website and Instagram page. We're very happy to have Orange County representation at a national level. Today is national voter registration day and I encourage all of you to register to vote, if you have not already. Esperanza Reyes added that we're going to be having a meeting, to be announced. Throughout the summer I did send out my letters to various Mayors in Orange County, asking them to give us a tour, since we're 10 people or less. If not, maybe we can tour the office and speak to them online. The letters have gone out. There were 10-- so fingers crossed, we get some bites on that. Congratulations to the 2020-21 County Ambassadors. I'm excited for this year. It's a really smart and very polished group. Brian Montes will try to contact John Wagner, who represents Irvine, and all those districts. Rita said that if they go, contact her and get some literature and things to bring along.

Clubs Updates – Review of the projects each club plans to offer this year:

Fountain Valley Cloverdales: Maddy Mittelstaedt said that at their most recent Board meeting they went over some of the ideas we have for our general meetings. In our October meeting we're planning on having a contest for who can decorate their zoom square the best.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders: Elizabeth Broadbent reported that when we spoke last month I told you that we had two girls do the State Classic Hippology, which consisted of a 50 question test, judge three classes (showmanship, English, and western) and then they had to identify objects on slides. The two girls, in their age group, one junior, one intermediate, each went top 10 in their group. They were Nikki Miller's daughters, Lark and Aria. We were really proud of them. We have not had anyone participate in hippology from FBS since Elizabeth has been a leader. That was really, really exciting. When they get to be seniors, if they make the top 10 then, they get to go to Western National in Denver. Not this year, they're all doing it virtually. They are not old enough yet. Elizabeth also told us that they are in the State Classic. We had one of our members do a public speaking speech. She had to do it in the junior division, a seven to 10-minute speech. She did it on Buying a Horse, all the requirements and doing her homework. My Vet came out to the barn and did an entire vet check and talk to all the kids and the parents regarding care, yearly expenses and what it takes before you buy a horse. She was there for about an hour and 45 minutes. She took a day off just to take time to work with the kids. Abby went to state and she won first. This weekend we have to survive the riding part. Aria has 4 classes on Saturday and Abby is showing in one. Congratulations, and good luck this weekend. Niki Miller talked about what is going on with their poultry project. The eggs are all currently incubating - about a week into incubation now. We expect them to hatch, right around our October meeting and then the chicks will be given to people, once they have fully hatched from the two incubators, I am loaning to people. We are going to start our meetings in October. We have been a little busy - the last six weeks with State Classic and the Marin County horse Show. We will have our first board meeting in the first week of October and our General Meeting in October.

Fullerton Hills: Brian Kim said that they are planning for their first meeting of the school year because we have our meetings at the high schools between Sunny Hills and Fullerton High School. We're jumping through some hoops, but we're excited to elect new officers and to have the students back. I'm getting together virtually and so I know that the students are all excited just to kind of get back into their 4-H routine. So that's a short little update for us as the students and the parents are getting ready for our first meeting.

Jordan Jaguars: None

La Habra Hilltoppers: Laura Castillo said that they just had their meeting yesterday. It was a very informal meeting. We had our elections at the beginning of the month and I announced our new executive board. We have a few new families so I had the chance to meet everybody - met each other online - on a zoom meeting, which was really good. We're hoping to have everybody registered by the end of the month and hoping to start our projects in October. Brian asked if they are still having problems processing restrictions with credit card or no. Laura has asked everybody to try and if not, then they could just come drop off registration money at her house.

Lake Forest Superstars: None

Mesa Goathill Gogetters: Allison Kari reported that MGG just had our first general meeting in September and we voted in our new board. We have some projects, starting in September. The rest of the projects will start in October. We're filling up our calendar. We're going to do everything virtual. We also, (a few of us in MGG and talking to Rita) have started working on a countywide Cloverbud Project. We're hoping to get it started soon. We have our first meeting in the books, October 24 at 10am on Zoom. We have a lot of new curriculum that we purchased. We have the big Cloverbud Activity Book and Mindfulness. One of the girls in our club, Sarafina, went to the Mindfulness Retreat last year and she has some great ideas. We're still trying to develop the program. Any help we can get would be fantastic from anyone, or if anyone wants to work with us on this- fantastic - we just like to get it going strong. We would like to hear input from other clubs, from leaders and also from teen leaders and junior

leaders that would want to help us out. We have a couple already from our own club and we're hoping to get a couple more. Let me know if you want to come help us with the Cloverbuds. Rita said that other clubs could work together on this and then we could have simultaneous projects running with the same plans. It would be easy to clone. We could have it on different days of the week. We can expand it. More information will be coming.

Orange Acres Backbreakers: Melissa Sara said that she is going to go ahead and speak for Jamie, who couldn't get on tonight. We are transitioning from me being a CCL to Jamie Rojas, and she has changed positions from an AG leader and Ag teacher to now a 4-H leader. We did our first meeting - virtual/zoom. We actually had a good amount of turnout of people we didn't think that we would see and a lot of new faces. We're getting everything underway. We're getting all of that information. We started with some members of the board. We still have a treasure to fill. So other than that, we're going to go strong with zoom meetings until we can get everything else going.

Orange Villa Buckaroos: Kelly and Isabelle Speakman reported. Hey, so we had our third meeting on zoom and we passed our budget for the year and we started our first project yesterday. We are doing a beading & wire working project. I'm actually the teen leader for it. That was cool to start.

Trabuco Trailblazers: None

Tri-Cities: Molly Hernandez, speaking on behalf of Tri Cities, said that they had their first meeting on September 14th on zoom and we told members about 4-H and why they should join and showed them how they can register if they are interested. Our Project Sign Up will be September 28 and our projects will probably start next month.

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf: Rachel Horn reported that they just had their first meeting on September 14 via zoom. We've discussed all the different projects that our club is offering and how to register. We'll probably start our projects in October.

DSAOC Superkids: None

County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates: Rita Jakel spoke about our county events. We picked our theme - Embrace the Exceptional. She spoke about the following: Enrollment, fees and the forms online, the trainings and pending members. We have 46 active youth members and 11 adult volunteers so far. There are 80 members pending. National 4-H week is coming. Clover Joyed is being planned at Hart Park in Orange. We can have all of the pins and ribbons and things we have to get to members available for pickup at that time. Rita said that this Sunday is record book and officer book judging. The books are due by 5pm on Friday to either Allison, Heather or myself. Judging is on this weekend. Club budgets are due September 30. If you can update the documents, with names of projects, leaders, Jr/Teen leaders and officers, this will be great. The Debit Card is inching our way up with numbers. Important dates were shared. October 10: Clover-Joyed Fall Recognition Event TBD/virtual?? - October 15: Scholarship Applications DUE <https://ucanr.edu/sites/oc4h/files/314569.pdf> - October 24: 2020-21 Record Book Training - Part 1 4-6 pm, virtual? - October 27: County Council Meeting 7pm - November 24: County Council Meeting 7pm We learned about important forms and Setting Club Goals - How to be Effective Leaders - Handling Money - Fundraising Tips - Accepting Gifts - Virtual Toolbox from State 4-H - Shared documents - Keep updated - Checklists - Countywide Projects - Countywide Efforts - Help Needed! - Leadership Forum! Rita will be sending this to the leaders soon. The training was just wonderful for all in attendance.

Continuing Business Updates: Brian Montes said that he would like to form a committee that works as a liaison between Orange County 4-H and the Orange County Fair. Sandy is willing to be on that committee. We need support on the livestock side. T-shirts will be ordered soon. Kelly Speakman and Rachel Corliss spoke about the County Projects.

Adjournment was at 8:28 p.m.

Next Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting - Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary