

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/27/2020** [oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com)

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**Attendance:** Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Melissa Sara, Beverly Schrieber, Laura Castillo, Gina Montes, Rachel Horn, Allison Kari, Elizabeth Broadbent, Maddy Mittelstaedt, Heather Hernandez, Esperanza Reyes, Kelly Speakman, Isabelle Speakman, Niki Miller, Jamie Rojas, Jillian Book

**Opening-** The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Montes, at 7:05 p.m

**Pledges** - Maddy Mittelstaedt, led the American and 4-H pledges.

**Review Minutes and Motion for Approval:** Laura Castillo said that under the Ambassador report, Sofia Castillo's name should be spelled with an "f" Sofia. A **motion** to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Melissa Sara, seconded by Jamie Rojas and passed.

**Treasurers Financial Report:** Melissa Sara reported the following: September 2020 Treasurers Report - Checking: Beginning Balance: \$40,828.94 - Deposits: \$819.91 - Checks: \$8,358.00 (Check # 3651 UC Regents Installment Fee) - Ending Balance: \$33,290.85 - Savings: Beginning Balance: \$33,112.29 - Interest Earned: \$0.27 - Ending Balance: \$33,112.56

A **motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jamie Rojas, seconded by Rachel Horn and passed.

**Financial Committee** – Brian Montes submitted the 2020/2021 Proposed Budget for approval. Brian screen shared the budget so everyone could see it. Brian said -- This was put together by your Executive Committee, plus the Finance Committee. We had two members join us to round out the Finance Committee. It's, in line with what we think will happen this year. We would like to get this budget passed so that we have an operating budget to work with. If anything, needs to change, we will bring it back to you for a vote and a review. Are there any questions about the proposed budget. One area where I can tell you that we increased the budget amount is on the curriculum, simply because we anticipate in this hybrid year, with some additional programs coming on and that curriculum being available, we've already got some project leaders starting to use and take advantage of being able to get 4-H curriculum for their projects. We also did add in the QuickBooks. We were able to secure a fee of \$354 for the first year. That is a subscription based model, which will give the Treasurer primary access and then two additional people can have access as well. It is a subscription based model that will run in the cloud. It will not sit on anybody's computer or hard drive. The second year will be \$430. That's why we put that in there. So those are a couple of the new things that we've put in for this year on the expense side. The budget follows in lockstep with last year's. You'll see total expenses definitely outpaces income. However, if we can continue to push on the 4-H debit cards, we know that passive side of income could certainly start helping to make up some of the shortfall. We can continue to get members to sign up for that debit card. That is one way for us to have a year-round fundraising arm which will definitely start to close up some of this gap for sure. Great reason to get your 4-H debit card. Melissa said that we added the Ambassadors. Brian said that he would love to have this budget passed tonight. A **motion** to accept the budget as stated was made by Beverly Schrieber, seconded by Laura Castillo and passed.

### **Reports**

**Teen Council Update:** None

**County Ambassador Report:** Esperanza Reyes reported that they had their first meeting that was extremely productive. We outlined the proposal and the workshops that the team members will do for their proposal for the youth summit in January. We also had ideas on community service and as well as ordering their jackets. Rita helped with the discount and to order them.

**Countywide Community Service Projects:** Kelly and Isabelle Speakman reported that they did our first two meetings. We made dog toys and cat toys, which was really fun. We got to share them. Everyone made lots. Nice to see. Next month we're going to be doing cards that will be donated to Meals on Wheels. They will be going along with meals to the elderly, to kind of brighten their day. We've made a couple examples. We actually did this last year for our club. So here are two I made. Cards should be six by eight or smaller and generic for either a man or a woman and no envelope. We just found out they cannot be for a holiday at all. They collect them and give them out as needed all year long. They don't want holiday ones, and they can't be personalized with a name, or a happy birthday or something. Keep them simple, like thinking of you, and have a nice day, keep that awesome smile showing. We'll be posting information with ideas. We will have a meeting next month. These do not take any skills like sewing or anything. You can make geometric designs, make it simple. Rachel Corliss will come by and pick up

cards from anyone who wants to participate. Brian Montes said - That's great. Are you going to coordinate directly with the leaders of each club or how do you want to coordinate? Right now they have it on the Slack channel for the county wide Service project. So all of the information will go on there - the last Monday of each month at 7:30 pm for an hour. Rita said that members get credit for a project. They get the six hours of the trainings on how to make all these things and the dog and cat toys are going to majestic animal shelter and OC animal care because there's so many of them we can actually do two. We're going to keep this open for a year and so that way you know if we get people who are interested in doing the project. So now there's a link to YouTube for the for the cat toys.

**Countywide Cloverbuds Project:** Allison Kari reported that they had their first Cloverbud meeting last Saturday. We had kids from two different clubs come - from MGG and also from OVB. We had a fantastic team that we put together of team leaders and adult leaders to make the agenda and each one of us took a different little project to do. The kids, team leaders and the adult leaders had a fantastic time. It was a great success, and we were really happy with it. If anyone would like to join, we're happy to have you. Rita sat in on that meeting too and it was awesome. They did a really good job. Thank you for having fun and some really creative ideas.

**Committee Updates:** Brian Montes said that we will move to committee updates. So our newly formed nomination committee. Allison and Liz spearheaded it. Allison Kari reported that the nomination committee is very happy to announce that we have found someone. We were recommended someone to nominate for the role of the treasurer position. for starting. Allison said "I, Allison Kari move to nominate Roberta Garcia to the county council treasure position." Liz Broadbent seconded the nomination. Allison said that they are very excited to have her. She turned in a little bio to us, and she seems like a fantastic person who's been involved with lots of things and we think she's going to do a great job. Brian said that - Now, we'll do a vote with this group and then we'll do a full vote at the November meeting. Rita Jakel said that the week before our November Council meeting we will send out a Google form. The vote was taken. There was one opposed. This motion passed. We will move on in November.

**Record Book Committee** – Allison Kari reported that we unfortunately had to postpone our first record book training of the year. We are working on trying to get that reset up this year, we are done with orb. So we are back to paper forms and we are learning how to work with our forms that we have on the Google Docs and also as a Google form. We're working on trying to mentor the rest of the Club leaders for this year to be able to have them be able to help their members. Rita Jakel said that the record books have been evaluated for this past year and the awards have been presented at the Clover Joyed event. Thank you to Heather for spearheading getting all the volunteers.

**Scholarship Committee** – Rita reported for Sandy. Rita Jakel said that we accepted both scholarships that were due by October 15. The Committee met on the Monday, following and we approved several scholarships, pending a few quick cleanups on the applications by the end of the month. It is a little challenging for kids right now to get their signatures and everything because of separation from coven-19. We are giving people a little bit of leeway on getting their signatures and finishing that part of it, and it is also difficult for kids to commit to what they're going to do for community service, when we don't know for sure how we're going to do events. We're helping them finish that planning. We decided that next year in the fall time we would give ourselves a little bit more time between the deadline for the applications and the meeting, like we did in the spring. That will give us a chance to look over applications and send them back to update before we have the meeting. We're able to do several scholarships for SYS. We have a youth, going to the National Stem Summit and Equine Field Day.

**I&R Committee** –We still need a person to step up and Chair this. This is a very important committee because the recognition and incentives is contributing to the overall volunteer experience and what needs to happen. We will set a goal of having that chair spot filled before the November meeting.

**Fair & Imaginology Committee** –Maryam Handley will continue to chair, and Sandy is working with her. A committee has been formed. They've had a preliminary meeting and that committee is well underway, doing some good work on trying to navigate. What will our Fair and Imaginology look like this year. Rita reported that they talked a little bit about alternatives to the fairgrounds if the fairgrounds will not let us host the livestock part of the competition at the fairgrounds because everybody felt very strongly that it should be not just photos, but should be in person with the opportunity for showmanship. Wes was going to pursue contacting a couple of local arenas that might be possible places for us to contract with and the feeling was that we probably would have to pay to use them to be able to do a live livestock show instead of all virtual. It would probably take some staging over a period of a few days and some careful scheduling. We felt that it would be the prototype for what we could possibly do for the fair and still support kids and be able to show and market their animals. There's a meeting in November, where the budget will be released and then we will meet with representatives from the fairgrounds.

#### **4-H Event Updates:**

**Fashion Revue** – Heather reported that she is the chair of this committee. The date will be March 27th. Heather also provided a budget. Fashion Revue has decided to hold their event as a virtual event this year. State is

doing away with the requirement that kids have to be in a sewing project to participate. County will also follow suit. We are going to do away with the requirement that kids need to be in a sewing project to compete.

**Imaginology** (April 16-18) – Chair Maryam Handley and Sandy Jacobs

**Presentation Day** –Wes Alcott is not here tonight.

**Food Fiesta (Jan 30)** – Chair Sandy Jacobs

**Clover-Joyed Spring Recognition Event**– Rita Jakel suggested Saturday, June 19th.

### **Clubs Updates**

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales:** Maddy Mittelstaedt reported that they have not started any projects, but we have had our October meeting that was a success. We did get the budget finalized.

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders:** Liz Broadbent reported that in October we held our first board meeting and our first general meeting. The meeting got off to a slow start, but we had a strong finish. The meeting went very well, and the members enjoyed having a costume contest. The members are brainstorming on some community service activities they would like to do, as well. We received the results from the 2020 4-H State Horse Classic. We had two members show, Abbey Lucey and Aria Miller. Abbey and Hershays Khiss placed second in Novice Showmanship. Aria and Atlantiss placed fourth in Novice Showmanship, 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice Hunt Seat Equitation (they judge the rider) , 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice Hunter Pleasure, (they judge the horse to see if he is a pleasure to ride) and 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice Hunters Under Saddle. (they judge the horse to see if they set the example of what a hunter horse should look like). A special thank you to Lark Miller who did the mane and forelock braiding that looked very professional for the state show. The poultry project is moving along. I believe everyone has their chicks now. They are playing with them and handling them. The other projects are also moving along.

**Fullerton Hills:** None

**Jordan Jaguars:** None

**La Habra Hilltoppers:** Dominique Montes reported that they had a virtual meeting yesterday. We talked about what projects we're going to be doing and when we're going to start project meetings. We talked about registration and asked if any of our club members needed any help. We talked about fundraising. We are doing community service like sending letters to elderly homes and stuff. We're also doing a canned food drive. Some of this livestock kids have our animals already and we're kind of just moving forward with hopes that there will be some shows for us. Laura Argonza-Castillo added that they are getting more kids to come on the zoom that's always very difficult, but we have a few more kids joining us in our zoom meeting.

**Lake Forest Superstars:** Rita Jakel reported that she talked to Stephanie and she's not able to continue as leader. They had a very low enrollment last year, so we'll have to consider the status of this club and what we're going to do going forward. If we have someone county wide who's interested in taking over Lake Forest, it's an area that we don't serve otherwise. We kind of need the club. Right now, they are just facing some challenges.

**Mesa Goathill Gogetters:** Allison Kari reported that we just had our general meeting for October, and it was a fun one. We all got to get dressed up in costumes and we had a fun meeting. Our projects are rolling. Most of them have started and are in their second month or in their first and then we just have a few more to go with some of the leaders to get started and then we're rolling virtual.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers:** Jaimee Rojas said We did have our second virtual meeting for October. We have a lot of new members. So I'm still trying to reach out to some of the past members to see who's returning still and I still am receiving emails about inquiries for signing up. We do have a lot of young members. The projects are starting too. Project leaders have received their list of members that have signed up so far. So they're planning and starting their meetings this month in October, and then in November. We had our meeting we passed our budget. It's been a fun, interesting coming into this position as Community Club leader. It's been a learning process for me coming into the position, but it's been good. We've mainly a lot of our animal projects. We do have rocketry and then we do have a member too that's participating with the county wide Cloverbuds. We've talked to our students who are doing livestock projects or small animal projects that if there isn't anything at the county level, we'd like to do something at the club level where the students are doing something outside competing just something small that they're getting experience. We are also going to try to reach out to our community, to see if they'd like to sponsor students for their animal projects, especially the larger livestock. and see if they can help out that way. We've also discussed possible community service projects for this year- Maybe helping to clean up the trails, things that are outside outdoors. The community service projects that you guys talked about at the beginning for countywide with

the cards and also the cat and dog toys. I think that would be great for us to participate in as well. We have a few members that are our virtual meetings. Really trying to get them involved. Now we'll need to be more creative and having some of those fun things and getting everybody participating. Have had a lot of help from Melissa from Debbie and in kind of getting situated and started and organized. So thank you.

**Orange Villa Buckaroos:** Kelly and Isabelle Speakman reported that we had our, fourth meeting in October. We had a pumpkin carving decorating contest and the kids enjoyed that. Rita came to visit. I started our second project, which was paper art. We did some kind of October themed Origami - a cat, a pumpkin and a bat. Next month we will start planning a little bit of holiday winter party for our December meeting.

**Trabuco Trailblazers:** None

**Tri-Cities:** Heather Hernandez said we had our October general meeting via zoom. We had a really fun pumpkin decorating contest. And then we sent the kids little key chains and we told them to come every month and we're going to have some little contest and keep sending them new charms to add to their key chains to try to incentivize them to keep coming to the zoom meetings. So hopefully that works. We voted in our board because we were still missing a treasure. So we got our treasurer and got our budget voted on. All of our projects have started except cake decorating that will start after Christmas, and that's it.

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf:** Rachel horn reported that they had their second general meeting in October via zoom. The healthy living community officer provided a presentation on pumpkin cupcakes and then the kids had a Halloween game for the kids to participate. Only the science and gardening have so far met and then the rest will be starting in November. They discussed community service for November. They will be organizing family meals for families in need.

**DSAOC Superkids:** None

**County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates:** Rita gave her report. It has been sent to members. She called on the Speakmans to talk about their Dance Project. We heard about Upcoming Events - Enrollment Update - Social Media Update - The 4-H Visa Debit Card - The t-shirt orders - 5-minute training - 4-H Adult Helper in Virtual Learning Spaces - Tech Tips - Zoom Polls - Resources

**Adjournment** was at 8:32 pm

**Next Executive Board Meeting** – Wednesday November 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM (Virtual) Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, November 25, 2020 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by  
Beverly Schrieber, Secretary