

Imperial County 4H Leaders Council

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Shannon Magana at 6:07 pm at the Farm Bureau in El Centro. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Amy Sanchez and the 4H Pledge led by Jacob Sanchez.

Roll call was accomplished by sign in and a quorum was established.

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Becky Poloni reported there is a balance of \$36,805.00 in the bank with an additional 3 checks to be deposited. She also provided a detailed Profit and Loss statement for July 1, 2014 through May 6, 2015. There was some discussion how this compares to previous years. It was confirmed this is approximately the same as last year.

Special Guest

Jacob Smith from McCabe 4H talked about the State Leadership Conference being held at UC Irvine July 23 - 26 this year. He stated there are 15 members from Imperial County attending the event. Nine of those members are requesting financial assistance from the Leaders Council. The approximate cost to attend is \$665.00 per person. Jacob asked if the Leaders Council would be able to help those requesting financial assistance. A motion was made to pay \$225.00/member. The motion was seconded and carried.

Old Business

Fashion Revue - Verde: It was reported that eight girls attended the Fashion Revue this year.

Garden Delights - Verde/Mt. Signal: there were thirteen participants for Garden Delights this year. The table displays looked really good. Jacob Sanchez was the County winner.

Judging Day and Practice - Meadows: Fifteen boards were submitted for Judging Day. The event was held at the same venue as Garden Delights. Both events were well attended.

Fair recommendations have been submitted and are ready for review at the Livestock Leaders meeting on May 21, 2015. If there are any other concerns, please see Shanna after the meeting.

Tractor Supply Paper Clover: No clubs participated this time. There was some confusion about when to go. A sign- up sheet will be available before the next campaign.

Mary Harmon Scholarship interviews: Only five of the nineteen eligible members applied. Some of the members said it was more work than they wanted to do.

New Business

Pilot Program - Online Banking - Shanna: There is a new program available to 4H clubs to have online banking through Chase bank. If you are interested in setting up your club, let Shanna know and she will contact the state office to set it up. It was asked if the Leaders Council banking could be moved there in light of the difficulty we've had. A motion was made to move it to Chase. The motion was seconded and carried.

All Star and Advisor applications: The applications are due May 13th and interviews will be conducted on May 14, 2015.

Color Me Green Run Registration - Bryanne Sanchez: This is the All Star's Emerald project. The proceeds will help fund the trips for Cal Focus and Washington Focus groups. The All Stars will be available to attend community meetings to talk about this big event and encourage more participation.

Sustainable You! Day Camp Registration deadline - Shanna: June 5, 2015 is the deadline to register for this day camp. This camp is for ages 9 - 12. It will be held June 15-19 from 9:00 am until noon each day. Youth will participate in activities about land, water, food, air and energy sustainability. Leader training for this camp will be held June 13, 2015.

Jr/Teen Leader Retreat Follow Up - All Stars: There will be a follow-up retreat on May 13, 2015 at Ben Hulse Elementary school in Imperial from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Record book forms will be completed at this meeting.

Southern Section Meeting Report - Steven Johnson: There was discussion at the meeting about having a competition to draw people in to help at the regional level. They are also putting together a "tech team". There's more information online about this. The next meeting will be June 13, 2015.

Teen Involvement Conference Report - Dillon Sanchez: Amy, Jacob and Dillon reported that TIC will have a snack bar on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Mt. Sac College for State Field Day. If you are able to volunteer to help or donate items, please contact Jacob Sanchez. Details regarding this opportunity is in the are in the May issue of the Intercom.

All Stars Report - All Star Team: Bryanne Sanchez and Steven Johnson are the 2015/2016 State Ambassadors. This is the first time in 12 years that we have had an ambassador from Imperial County. Also, Bryanne Sanchez and Carlos Lopez attended the National 4H Conference in Washington, D.C.. They were selected as two of the five delegates to represent California. There hasn't been an Imperial County delegate at the national conference for 18 years. They also discussed the Color Run and the STEM conference at IVC.

Election Committee Chair for Executive Board: There are vacancies on the Executive Board. The Executive Board consists of four members plus the officers of the Leaders Council. There are times the board needs to vote on a matter of policy or finance that arises between the

monthly meetings. The information and voting is usually handled through email. Margo DuBois volunteered to help Shanna facilitate this process.

Budget Committee & Chair: This will require one meeting. As the treasurer, Becky Poloni is the chairperson. Linda Sanchez and Millie Spough volunteered for the committee.

Record Book Training: There will be one more Record Book training on June 8, 2015 at the 4H office at 5:30 pm. Record book judging will be June 20, 2015.

Sectional Field Day/State Field Day deadlines: the deadline for State Field Day is May 16th. Specifics about this event, held at UC Davis campus on May 30, 2015, can be found on the last page of the May issue of the Intercom.

Achievement Night - All Stars, Magnolia and M&M: Achievement Night is scheduled to be held on June 24, 2015. We plan on having 100 people in attendance.

Calendar Planning: Calendar planning for the 2015/2016 year will be done at the Leaders Council meeting on June 4, 2015.

4-H Staff Report

Shanna had packets available for each club. The Planning guide must be completed, as well as financials and turned in by June 30, 2015. Clubs are able to earn Gold Seals for completion of the Planning Guide. Shanna is available to help with this process.

Officer books are due on June 20, 2015.

The updated Leaders Council By Laws will be voted on at the June meeting.

Each club needs to review/update their bylaws to agree with the state bylaws. There was discussion that some clubs don't have any current bylaws. Shanna will work with clubs to bring them into compliance. All bylaws will be due October 30, 2015.

We will need to discuss BBQ planning at the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Smith