

Los Angeles 4-H Leaders Council, February 1, 2020

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The meeting of the Leaders Council was called to order by president Peter Michel at 9:45am. Flag salute and 4H Pledge was led by Maddy. Every one introduced themselves and told what their goals were for the new year.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Noel, seconded by Amy, passed.

Minutes of the September 2019 meeting. Amy moved, we approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Alison. Voted on and passed. Thank you notes were received for medals in given in September. Noel put them in the Thank You Notebook.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed as printed. Marci moved and Noel seconded that we approve the report, voted on and passed.

Scholarships have been requested for CA 4-H Southern Area Youth Summit by Roland Walker, Roxanne Walker and Sophia Vlach. This is in the budget.

2nd Vice president report—(Youth) Nicoleene Yunker - As the youth vice president on the council, I am suggesting that we improve on communication to encourage 4-H youth to engage more with the 4-H county council. We currently have four in-person meetings every year at various locations, and I suggest that finding one venue, preferably in a central location, as a regular meeting place would allow members to feel more comfortable taking part in county council meetings. Stable location may aid in increasing meeting attendance and improved communication between youth and the council. I suggest that it may be necessary to supplement face-to-face meetings with possible additional conference calls. Additionally, providing detailed information on the duties of the council officer positions will be

beneficial. Currently, the constitution provided online lacks a section on council positions and their duties. It is important to inform youth and adult 4-H leaders on the roles each office is responsible for. Members would know whom to contact for sharing ideas and asking questions, and those considering becoming a council officer will understand the duties involved. I suggest taking these approaches to improve communications and participation between council and 4-H members around the county. No members have shared any comments with me thus far, and as a representative for the voice of 4-H youth, I recommend we take steps to encourage youth to participate, and raise awareness of the council meetings and county-level leadership opportunities.

District Reports: SFV—they are working on County field day. AV- Working on County Food Fair. SSG—Working on SGV Fair and a 4H alumni event. Had awards day in October. **NSG 4-H district report** The district held a successful NSG Achievement event on Saturday, October 19 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We had an awards ceremony, some fun science activities, a spooky cake contest and a cake walk. We are now planning our NSG Monte Farmer's Fair for Feb. 8 and our NSG Home EC & Field Day for Feb. 29. We are helping with the planning of the SGV 4-H Fair with SSG district.

Committee/ Other Reports:

1. **LA County All-Star Ambassadors** – For the All Star Ambassador projects, Anissa is doing a sock drive for shelters and teaching public speaking at shelters. Nikki is teaching about being in 4-H. Mayor Tasha Cerda is helping her and they are also working on a video on healthy living/safety. Enrique is writing articles for Clover Notes on emergency preparedness and will do a session on it at the Junior Leadership Conference. The Jr. Leadership Conference will be April 4th at Galpin Ford. The event will include be preparedness, safety, how to address people and how to conduct yourself in leadership.

2. I&R—**County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair nkeller91711@gmail.com, 909-621-2373 – home, 909-957-6498

Record Book Manual for 2019-2020 - The manuals are on the county and state websites. There still seems to be confusion by leaders and members on how to correctly fill out the record book forms. Please read the Record Book manuals carefully and perhaps the districts should offer some leader and member training sessions.

Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards

Reminder - If a member wants to apply for a Junior or Teen Leader Merit Award, they need to be in Leadership project during the 4-H program year to be eligible for the award.

2020-2021 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador applications are due by Feb. 14, 2020. The new All Star Ambassadors will be announced at County Field Day on March 28.

Field (Presentation) Days – from state website. Each county organizes a County 4-H Presentation Day.

1. If you receive a Gold award at the county level, you are encouraged to present in an Area 4-H Presentation Day. You may present at ANY Area 4-H Presentation Day (not just the one organized for your Area). You can also present at multiple Area 4-H Presentation Days if you would like to try to improve your score or get more practice. If you receive a Gold award at any Area Presentation Day, you may present at the [State 4-H Presentation Day](#).
2. Primary members (ages 5-8) are encouraged to participate in Area Presentation Day as well, but can only receive participation seals and cannot be evaluated according to the Presentation Manual.

Reminder – The county is not planning a county-level Leader Appreciation event this year. Districts are encouraged to plan their own Leader Appreciation event. If any of your leaders are due a special leader pin (for years 1, 5, 10, 15, etc.), contact the county office at least a month before you need the pins for your event.

2020 County Awards event At the September County Council meeting the format of the Awards Day was discussed. It was suggested that the Awards ceremony be combined with the county council meeting in a three-hour block, occurring either 9:30am-12:30pm or 1-4pm, with 1 ½ hours being allocated to each, plus some member activity (community service, workshop, etc.) occurring at the same time as the council meeting. It was thought that the “member activity” might attract more youth to attend the event. No lunch would need to be provided. This idea will be discussed more during 2020-2021 calendar planning in the spring. The committee would like to see the change to the morning 9:30a-12:45p.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee

All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The term for a representative is one year. The current 2019-2020 county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG, Laura Shannon and Dannon Shaughnessy from AV, and Amy Lockmann from SFV. The committee usually meets by conference call during the year. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 8:00pm by conference call.

3. Summer camp is June 14-20. It is time to get your staff applications in. Interviews will be at County Field Day, March 28 at Macy Intermediate School.
4. County Judging Day—AV- Feb. 22, 2020, at Palmdale HS, the packet is online (4-H website)
5. County Food Fair – AV- March 7, 2020 – Charlene Moore It will be at Acton Faith Bible Church. Categories are Decorated Cakes, Foods and Food Preservation, Table Setting and Baked goods. Entry forms are due February 18. For more information go the LA County 4-H website.
6. County Fashion Revue – March 28, 2020 – Melinda Kasperson at Macy Intermediate School, with County Field Day.
7. County Field Day—March 28, 2020 – SFV--It will be at Macy Intermediate School in Monterey Park.
8. County Science Day – Kenneth Yunker (youth) – As the youth science chair I am very pleased to announce that we are having a science event this year. This year's science event will take place on May 16, 2020 from 9am to 2 p, at Berean Fellowship Church in Palmdale. The theme of the event is "Robots block party" where all of the participants are encouraged to bring and demonstrate their favorite robotic devices. The participants could also be dressed as the robots for a costume competition. The highlight of the event will be the water rocket competition. Mark Kasperson of Canyon Coyotes and I will be working on the details.
9. Healthy Living – Kaylin Kwan (youth)—Check out her article in Clover Notes. She has some great ideas for Valentine's Day Treats. May 9 will be the Healthy Living Summit.
10. Southern Area Field Day—May 2, 2020 Mary Ann Smith from Imperial County will be organizing and running this event with John Trammell. The first planning meeting for the event was held on Feb. 29. The event will be run much like last year at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC). The deadline for registration will probably be Monday, April 20. The registration will be online. Due to the shortage of evaluators (judges) for the last few years of the event, there may be limits set for the number of entries for which a member can register. LA County 4-H should be thinking about how to have enough judges and room hosts so our 4-H members can compete at the Area level. If our LA County members want to compete at State Field Day, they need to earn a Gold Medal at the Area

level. The next Southern Area Field Day planning meeting is set for Feb. 12 as a conference call. If any adults or senior youth want to help with the planning of this event, please let Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) know and try to participate in this next meeting

11. State Field Day and Fashion Review—Saturday May 30, 2020

The California State 4-H Field Day will be held on Saturday, May 30 at UC Davis. The registration deadline for all contests that require pre-registration opens in Feb. or March depending on the contest, and ends on Wednesday, May 13 at 5pm. Contests that require pre-registration include:

- Presentation Day entries (demonstrations, speeches, etc.)
- Interview Contest
- State 4-H Fashion Revue
- State 4-H Photography Contest
- State 4-H Film Festival
- 4-H Robotics Competition
- 4-H Livestock quiz Bowl

Drop-In activities include:

- Entomology Contest
- Judging Contest, State 4-H Plant Science Contest
- Primary activities
- 4-H Robotics Drop-In activities

12. Junior All Star County Project – no report

Event Reports 1. Livestock Symposium was great. It was well attended

2. We had 4 youth attend the Southern Youth Summit at Pathfinder Ranch. The pictures of it looked great.

Old Business

1. Changes to Council's Constitution by Laws—tabled

2. Updates to the 2019-2020 LA County 4-H Calendar – The 2019-2020 LA County 4-H Calendar is on the county 4-H website. This is the official county calendar of events. Let's try to keep it up to date. Changes to the calendar should be announced in the Clover Notes. There should be someone to coordinate the dates for the calendar. Changes should be sent to that person and to Roy Hillstock in the LA 4-H office. (Now that Noel is Vice-President for this year, send date changes and additions to her.)

Are there any changes needed now? Please look over the calendar on the county website and let us know about changes needed.

Changes known now, include
County Science event on **Oct. 12 was canceled** and moved to **May 16**.
Junior Leadership Conference on **Feb. 1 was canceled** and moved to **April 4**.
SGV fair planning meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20.
Healthy Living event moved from April 4 to **May 9 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**
Southern Area Field Day is Saturday, **May 2 at Mt. SAC**.
State Field Day and Fashion Revue – **May 30 at UC Davis, not June 4**.
Summer Camp moved from June 21-27 to **June 14-20**

New Business

1. Elect county council vacant positions: Vice Pres. - Noel Keller was nominated for Vice President for the remainder of this program year. Judylynn moved we accepted her by acclimation. Voted on and passed. Officers still needed are Technology Chair, Leaders Support Chair, Civics Chair, Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary Please contact Peter if you can fill in an office.
2. Call for Friends of 4-H nominations from districts (5/year)
3. Call for dates for 2020-21 LA County 4-H Calendar.
4. Call for nominations for LA County Council Officers 2020-21
5. Call for input for the LA County Council 2020-21 Budget

Announcements

1. 2020-21 All-Star Ambassador Applications due -Feb.14, 2020
2. Jr. Leadership Conference—New Date, April 4, 2020
3. Healthy living event –New Date, May 9, 2020
4. Next Meeting LA Leaders council –April 4, 2020 hosted by SFV

Adjournment –Noel moved we adjourn at 11:26 am.

Attendance- NSG-Noel Keller, Pomona Valley, Judylynn Pelling, Eagle Rock-Highland Park, Marci Barrett, Alison Johnson, Heather Campbell Altadena Foothills; SSG- Peter Michel, PVP, SFV- Amy, Maddy, Abby Lockmann , Agoura 4-H

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling Secretary