

Santa Clara County 4H Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:24 pm.

The All-Stars led us in the flag salute.

Roll Call: Calaveras, Adams, El Sereno, Homesteaders,
Rolling Hills, San Martin, Coyote Crest, Pleasant Acres

Murlin Lee President: July minutes are in the back of the room. Corrections requested.

Accepted by Mary Bartlet, seconded by Linda Teagle.

All Aye's to post minutes.

Installation of new officers by All-Stars:

President: Murlin Lee

Small Animal Chair: John Haggerty

Secretary: Vaughn Marie Rodriguez

Treasurer: Kate Switzer

21 4H youth present tonight!

News:

Organizations in county are calling 4H for representation at events.

Mercury news knows who we are now!

A lot of petting zoo requests. We invested last year to sending members to trainings and our membership is now growing. There are over 900 youth this year and 3 to 400 adults. 4H year 1996 – 1997 was the last time we had #'s like this. Our program is well received.

Remember to check state and national web sites.

State computer corps applications for 15 years and older. Applicants will need to be able to travel by themselves to attend all state events: trains, etc. All approved travel is paid for by State.

Applications on line. Due: 9/15.

National Conference: Application deadline is 9/30.

In Washington DC, meet with secretary of agriculture, work with other delegates, meet representatives on capitol hill.

The reports are submitted to improve program.

State training available to adult leaders at the State Leaders Forum at Asilomar! Sent 14-16 people last year. CC will pay fees to attend. Each club is strongly encouraged to send at least one leader and to send a leader who has gone before with them.

North Central Section first meeting next weekend hosted by El Dorado County. Good way to meet other youth from other counties.

Operation Military Kids contacted us again to participate in the next event. It is a great way to support youth. Invite their kids to 4H events. It's a way to encourage them.

VP: Sarah Pence

Handout a list of events scheduled through November.

Murlin: Is everyone receiving county yahoo group e-mail? Has the most detail of county events for all to reference. Updated in newsletter and county web but this is slower to update info.

Hans: restricted group. Need a yahoo id and mailbox with it and yahoo verifies who you are and allows you access to the information. Yahoo has a great spam filter.

Which club wants to volunteer to bring snacks next month? El Sereno!!! On 11/11.
Homesteaders: January
March: Coyote Crest

Treasurer: Kate Switzer Just wrapped up the year. Handed out budget to review. Look over for later discussion.

Camp video presentation: Camp was great and kids gave a lot of input on activities which was a highlight for them.

SLC video presentation : 27 delegate including our 5 Allstars! Great event.

County Fair video presentation:
Estimated attendance: 5 to 6 thousand attended
showed: all show entries were up from last year.

Impressive fair without budget and backing!

2009 Fair Dates: Monday 7/27 animal in through 8/2, auction day.

Take flight for kids presentation: flew over 700 people, asked 4H to come back, enjoyed the petting zoo 4h provided, is planning to promote 4H, served disabled and developmentally challenged children

Exchange program: video presentation

State Fair Presentation: Elise Rodriguez took first place in county round robin, encouraged 4Hers to attend fair.

Avian Bowl Presentation: jeopardy style competition based on national poultry binder sections. Santa Clara Team took first place! Team members are Elise Rodriguez, Gina Lee, Rebekah Jones.

Received snazzy plaques, and going to nationals in Louisville, Kentucky on 11/20. Need help covering cost of \$1980.00 to attend. Request county funds towards expenses. CA teams have always placed in top 3.

John Haggerty makes motion to support for \$500 each, \$2,000 total. Seconded Hans Toensfeldt.

Treasurer verified expense.

All Ayes!! Motion carried for \$2,000.00.

Thanked coach Linda Teagle for her time and support.

All Stars report: introduced themselves. Plan: to be better leaders, do County Olympics, community service project, dance. Stated plans to make these events happen. Will advertise these events.

Theresa Johnson: Awards and recognition night.

Making it big this year and plan to honor adult volunteers as well as youth. Deadline to nominate adult volunteer 9/30/08. Record books, proficiency medals, avian bowl team, adults. Each club needs to sign up for hors d'ourves or desserts.

Date: Saturday, Nov 15 at 6:30pm

Contact: Anthony Johnson to sign up for food.

County does all the medals for these accomplishments. All proficiency test medals are presented once a year.

Presentation Day 2/21 at Westhope. Ineke Armstrong and Anthony Johnson are co-chairs.

Budget discussion:

Kate: 16K in general fund, looking to drop it to 8K, reflects expected reduced fees from county due to state raising its portion.

Motion by John Haggerty to approve Budget

Seconded by Hans Toensfeldt.

All Ayes!

Maureen McClintock thanks Hans for his time and effort motivating all to get the fair accomplished this year.

Supervisors voted for a development organization to submit a plan to develop the land.

Next county supervisors meeting
10/22 evening meeting at 70 west heading

County 4H is spear heading petition to keep fairgrounds open, only way to preserve grounds for public. Many organizations use facilities. Easy access for many people.

Sara Yoders: e-mailed Mr. Gage on County Board, invited him on Sunday 10/5 at 3pm for a Q and A session, request no fair grounds questions, submit questions, invite Citizenship projects, open to all youth.

Hans: Let's invite FFA. All agreed.

Harvest Festival: needs more chairs and tables than in the club kit. May have club banners, have pop ups. Stills will be displayed on fence again. Bring youth grown produce. All-Stars will man information booth. October 4, 2008, at Emma Prusch Park.

Last Saturday of April, the 25th. SMARGE is scheduled.

State Leaders Forum: Basket goes to silent Auction to defer cost. Need to put a basket together representing our county.

Karen McCauley: Rabbit Producers of Santa Clara County, requests \$50 for wood to build tracks for rabbit races.

John Haggerty: moves to approve motion
All Ayes

Meeting adjourned.