

SCC 4H County Council  
March 11, 2009

Present: Murlin Lee, Sarah Pence, Jenel Vincze, John Haggerty, Laurie Alaimo, Evelyn McGarry, Deborah Lang, Jennifer Graybeal, Kate Switzer, Vaughn Marie Rodriguez, Hans Toensfeldt, Mary Bartlett, Jacquie Bretschneider

Secretary: Vaughn Marie Rodriguez  
February minutes approved.

President Murlin called the meeting to order at 7:20pm

On March 10, 2009, at 4:56pm, the Council President was notified that 4H members with pending enrollments have not officially been 4H members and technically should not be participating because they are not insured.

URGENT: A file was sent with 590 names of 4H enrollees who's status is listed as "pending enrollment". Three executive board members on this list are Sarah Pence (VP), Kate Switzer (Treasurer), Jennifer Graybeal (PR Chair)

There is a lot of confusion about the enrollment process and several on that list were not aware that their status was still pending even though they had received confirmation by e-mail.

Questions: Who has not completed the enrollments? Are there technical difficulties?

Answers: We do not know why. In many instances fees have been paid and enrollment forms completed.

Concerns: Notification has said that pending enrollments are not covered by UCCE insurance. Participants are participating in 4H at their own risk. Non-enrolled members may put enrolled members and the program at risk.

Questions: Because of pending enrollments:

1. Is council valid and legitimate to conduct 4H business?
2. Is the program valid because of enrollment status?
3. Should the program be suspended until the status of the program is validated?

General agreement to move forward with tonight's council meeting.

Because of enrollment status an official vote could not be taken. A general consensus was to support the youth of our program and move forward with the meeting this evening and LON this weekend (UCCE rep Aminah confirmed all LON attendees and chaperones are properly enrolled in 4H) with the understanding that this enrollment problem will be vigorously pursued and resolved by both members and CE staff.

Without resolution of the enrollment problem the participants which include members , parents, volunteers, and council, council will be compelled to suspend the program.

Without quick resolution the personal liability compels the suspension of the program In Santa Clara County. People have been participating without knowing their enrollment status is pending and therefore are unknowingly accepting personal liability risk.

Ideas: offer to help club leaders with the enrollment problems

Will contact the office tomorrow to help clear this enrollment problem as soon as possible. Concerns voiced over Estellas time to process all the pending enrollments. Estimated 98 hours to complete, if all 590 names need to be processed at 10 min. each.

VP Report: Sarah Pence

Coyote Crest brought dessert. May council, it is Rolling Hills turn to bring snack

Favorite foods day reports:

Josh: Went to Favorite Foods Day – it was extremely well done. Won second place in people’s choice awards

Kerri: took second in junior division

Ali: tied for second in novice division

Treasurers Report: Kate Switzer

6<sup>th</sup> grade conference receipts need to be turned in.

Burrell Leonard funds: Have we submitted reimbursement request against these funds?

Any events that honor Dan Chitwood can use some of the Dan Chitwood Memorial Funds. Example: LON can turn in receipts for activities honoring Dan Chitwood.

Camp Staff: Auntie MO

Question: Do people requesting financial aid need to talk to a panel? NO, not at all.

It is requested that financial aid recipients come back to council to give a report of What they learned along with other attendees and are in no way required to identify themselves as having received financial aid.

Only the first \$300 of financial aid for campers will come out of the camp fund.

Michelle Bretschneider and Haley Sellers asking for county funding, \$250, to help fund a county wide rabbit show in May 9th at SCC fair grounds. Hopes this will become a yearly event.

John Haggerty: motions to approve the donation, and asks they participate at smarge.

All Ayes!!! Funding approved

County Year Book Project: Rahimeh Ramizany

Without fundraising books will be 35 to 46. With fundraising they hope to bring down cost to 25 per book. Over \$9,600 in cost, and need to raise @ \$4500.

Suggestions: go more to black and white, soft cover, purchase yearbook program and do a do it yourself book, online sights shutterfly, snapfish, my photoalbum.com, ask Adobe for free software

Club leaders need to take a head count and respond with an approximate amount Of interested families.

All Star Report: Jad, Becky, Wendy

LON this weekend! Will begin planning olympics soon. Reminder: “Dan Chitwood Olympics” must be used instead of just “Olympics”.

More boys have signed up than girls this year!

All Star apps will be put out after LON

Public Relations: Jennifer Graybeal

Fair: need everybody’s help this year. Fair artwork has been selected. Winner will be announced at a later time.

March and April: need flyers put out to get the word out that all county youth are invited to participate.

Need groups to perform: dance, etc...

4H gets their name out when we are contacted by other organizations to participate in their events.

Goal: flyers to give out at events 4H attends

PTA event: posters to be given out, more science related activities at the table

Newspapers: Murlin was quoted about the fair in the Mercury News this past month

Wanting to get 4H in more of the local city newspapers, youth and parents can contact their local papers and tell them about their events and awards. Jennifer can help you.

PTA event: Thursday, April 23 and Friday/Saturday, need to be staffed by 4H

SET: will be incorporated in project and club leader trainings in September

Key Leader: Deborah Lang

Murlin and Deborah have made it to nearly all the clubs to visit. Every club gets two Visits. Collecting data about SCC 4H and what it does to impact the community and the world. Youths will be needed to help input all the data. Survey is on the yahoo group.

Summer Camp: Elise, Gina, Ken

Theme has been chosen but it is still a secret. The price has increased to cover the cost of food. Now \$140.

CE Office Report: Aminah

Oakwood has officially closed due to lack of parent involvement.

No CE Staff available (at convention) from 4/27 to 29.

4H library is being put back together. New curriculum available to borrow.  
Need volunteer help.

County Roster: needs update of names of who holds club positions, etc.  
Murlin is requesting the contact information of club positions to be located electronically somewhere for use.

Suggestions: electronic roster should be updated quarterly, send it out electronically for members to print

Bulk printing funds available to be used to print for rosters. Input: use for other printing needs: club flyers, fair, events, Etc....

Office needs two weeks notice for funds to be used for printing.

Ranch report will be sent out tomorrow (march 11<sup>th</sup>)

Confirmed who held which County Council positions to make sure all are given the Ranch Committee recommendations report to review and comment on, and vote on in order to implement for next year.

El Sereno Citizenship Project skit:

Beach clean up 1:00 – 3:00, June 20<sup>th</sup>. 3:00 to 6:00 play on the beach, 6:00 to 9:00 roast hot dogs, bonfire

Requesting funding for supplies: gloves, food, garbage bags

Budgeting \$350, expect 30 to 50 to come, will promote at clubs through club visits

Question: Does this budget cover parking fee?

Answer: No. Carpooling will be encouraged.

Question: Could this be in honour of Dan Chitwood and can we all wear a silly hat?

Answer: Yes!

Citizenship Conference Report:

35 attendees sorted 14, 650 pounds of oranges, pulled weeds,  
Planted trees

Jacquie Bretschneider: San Martin 4H has a website. Needs it listed on the SCC website.  
Contact Gary Lang

Meeting adjourned 9:27pm