

Imperial County 4H Leaders Council

Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Shannon Magana at 6:15 PM at the Farm Bureau in El Centro. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H pledge. Roll call was conducted by sign in. A quorum was established.

Minutes for the June meeting were read by secretary Joanne Smith. Shannon Magana made a motion to correct the minutes to reflect the current slate of officers for the 2014-2016 Leaders Council term. The slate of officers are as follows: President, Shannon Magana; Vice president, Margo Sanchez; Treasurer, Becky Poloni; Secretary, Joanne Smith. The motion was seconded. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report by Becky Poloni:

Checking Account Balance	\$25,782.25
Money Market Balance	<u>\$12,136.35</u>
Total	\$37,918.60

Sustainability Program

Ryan Ramirez and Carlos Lopez gave an overview of the sustainability program. The Teen Camp Council will set up a five-day "day camp" to teach kids about the environment. They will target fourth through sixth graders and the Teen Camp Council will run the camps. Their next meeting will be September 10th at 5:30 PM at the U. C. Cooperative extension in Holtville.

Cal Focus Conference

A presentation was given by Bailey Rose, Amy Sanchez and Marty Cortez about what they learned at the Cal focus conference. They learned a lot about government. They learned how to argue a bill properly and they met with Ben Hueso. Their plan of action is to help the community through a program called Santa's reading workshop for preschoolers. Their goal is to reach 100 children giving each one a book. The group is asking for book donations from all 4H clubs. Books can be dropped off at the 4H office on Holton Road. The group is available to explain their program to any of the 4-H clubs. They will be applying for funds through the Revolution of Responsibility program.

State Leadership Conference

Steven Johnson, Bryanne Sanchez and Carlos Lopez, all members of the All Star-Ambassador Team, attended the State Leadership Conference in Santa Cruz. They gave an overview of the conference highlights and their experiences. They met with other groups from California, other states and Canada. They attended workshops on Team Building and Generation Twister (learning how to communicate to adults). There were good motivational speakers and they plan to use what they learned back here. Bryanne's focus will be on record books and helping members to create a successful record book. She is forming a Record Book Committee. Anyone who is interested should contact Bryanne. Steven plans to help through leadership and possibly set up a conference in the valley in the future. Carlos plans on making 4H more visible in the community. One of those methods will be the poster contest during National 4H week. Their

plan of action includes a "Color Me Green" run scheduled for March 21st. Location and other details will be announced at a later date. They will be applying for funds through the Revolution of Responsibility program.

Old Business

4H Club Financials: Nine clubs still need to turn in their financials.

Achievement Night: Was held June 30th and hosted by the All Star team. The emcee was Mike Kelly. The event was well attended.

Family Camp: Was held at Pinezanita Campground June 27-29. The group had a great time. They learned about avoiding poison ivy and poison oak. They also went geo-caching.

New Business

Movie Day at the mall on September 6th. This event replaces the Splash Bash. It will be set up in the food court and assist members with registration and encourage new members. There will be prizes. The event is free for all members and their families.

Officers Training/Orientation will be held September 27th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Church of the Latter Day Saints in El Centro. This is required for all new leaders to teach the ins and outs of leadership in your clubs. Alternative dates will be scheduled for anyone who can't attend on this date. Also the state is mandating training for club treasurers before they can write checks.

Countywide Projects include: Shooting sports, Skateboarding and Beginning 4H. Skateboarding and Beginning 4H are new this year. The September issue of the Intercom has the details of these programs and how to enroll in them.

National Youth Science Day: Rockets to the Rescue is the title for this year. Youth will learn how to design and build a food transportation device that can deliver food to disaster victims. Shanna will train the kids and help them build their food rocket on October 8th.

4H Bike Ride: The bike ride is being hosted by McCabe 4H this year and is scheduled for October 11th. It will begin at McCabe school and end at Sunbeam Lake Park. There will be food and swimming. Times will be announced. This is a free event for members and families. Clubs should try to get an estimated number of people attending and email the information to Margo DuBois.

National 4H Week and Poster Contest: October 5-14. The All Stars will be placing posters in the banks and other facilities to promote 4H in our community. The posters are due by September 29th at the 4H office.

4H BBQ: The tickets are being handed out to the club leaders during this meeting. Any unused tickets should be returned as soon as possible so they are available in case other clubs need them rather than having more printed.

Advertising will be handled by M&M 4H. Assignment of BBQ duties is as follows:

Supplies: to be decided

Beans & Salad: Southwest Valley 4H

Drinks: Magnolia 4H

We are working on where we can cut the meat and also a truck to transport it to the fairgrounds. It requires 6 people per table to work at the BBQ in two hour shifts. The All Stars will do a dessert table as a fund raiser. It was suggested that cookies and brownies would be preferred as donations so there won't be the need to buy plates/utensils. The top ticket sellers in each club can receive a prize of \$25.00. They must sell a minimum of 20 tickets to be eligible.

Holiday Hoopla: M&M suggested any club not hosting an event take responsibility. Holtville volunteered to be the host again. The Inspiration Gallery Committee will work with Holtville to plan the event. Further discussion was tabled until the October meeting.

Update to County Council Constitution & Bylaws: Millie, Rose and Kelly agreed to form a committee to work on updating the documents. Rose will be the chair.

Other Committees: We need committees to assist with Record Books; Knowledge Bowl and Incentives & Recognitions. Please contact Shanna if you're interested in being part of a committee.

Shannon Magana stated unused awards/pins/medals need to be returned to the 4H office so an accurate inventory can be taken to avoid ordering more than we need. There is a member on the Executive Board that is going into her third year and she would like to be replaced.

Margo DuBois volunteered to join the board. A motion was made and seconded for Margo to join the Executive Board. Motion was carried.

We elected new representation for the South section. A motion was made and seconded that the All Stars, Carlos Lopez, Bryanne Sanchez and Steven Johnson and Advisor, Linda Sanchez be our representation. Motion was carried. The next meeting will be September 13th.

4-H Staff Report

Social Media: Shanna has been working to create/update the sites on Pinterest, Facebook and Twitter. She showed us how to access the sites and said she would be adding Instagram in the future.

Receiving/Depositing Cash: Any money that is received should be deposited within 7 days.

Required Training for Adult and Youth Treasure: The state is mandating training for all treasure positions before checks can be written.

Next Month Training Topic: Shanna is asking for suggestions.

Livestock Leaders Report

The next Livestock Leaders meeting will be September 18, 2014. They will be selecting a new management board and species coordinators as other members are stepping down.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Joanne Smith

