

**Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council    January 4, 2014**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 6338 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles CA 90042

Meeting called to order by Vice President Noel Keller at 10:25 am. Flag salute and 4H pledge were led by Ru Ekanayake . Those in attendance introduced themselves: Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Marjorie Rodriguez , Dee Keese, Rick Herbert, Dennis and Sallie DeYoung, Isabel Alaniz, Ru Ekanayake, Charlene Moore.

The meeting agenda was approved-- Motion by Dee, second by Rick. The minutes from the September 7, 2013 meeting was approved with these corrections: 11.6. County Food Fair is March 29, 2014. 11.9. Sallie's (name spelling). Motion by Rick, seconded by Dee. Correspondence received was thank you notes for awards. They were placed in the "Thank you book". It was passed around.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Lash's -written report was approved and filed for audit, moved by Dee, seconded by Rick.

(see below)    **LA County Leaders Council Financial Report    August – November, 2013**

Aug-13	Opening Balance	\$103,943.78		
Credits			Camp	\$98,972.46
	Camp	\$14,462.78	County Hi 4-H	\$372.82
	Insurance	\$888.00	All Star	\$575.17
			County Office	\$340.00
	Total Deposit	\$15,350.78	Club Closure	\$528.77
			(hold until 2014)	
Debits	Camp	\$6,400.56	General	\$7,944.91
	Insurance	\$4,082.00		
	Bank Charges NSF & fees	\$3.00	Total	\$108,734.13
	Fingerprinting	\$75.00		
	Total Debit	\$921.49		
			<b>Bank Balance August 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$108,734.13</b>

Sept.-13	Credits		Camp	\$98,724.94
	Camp	\$275.00	County Hi 4-H	\$372.82
	Insurance	\$248.00	All Star	\$575.17
	So Bay Guide Dogs	\$1,437.81	County Office	\$340.00
	Total Deposit	\$1,685.81	Club Closure	\$528.77
			(hold until 2014)	
Debits	Camp	\$522.52	General	\$8,189.42
	Bank Charges NSF & fees	\$3.00	Total	\$110,169.24
	Total Debit	\$525.52		
			<b>Bank Balance September 30, 2013</b>	<b>\$110,169.42</b>

Oct-13	Credits		Camp	\$98,724.94
			County Hi 4-H	\$372.82
	Insurance	\$338.00	All Star	\$575.17
			County Office	\$340.00
	Total Deposit	\$338.00	Club Closure	\$1,966.58
			(hold until 2014)	
Debits	Pet Symposium Cash	\$300.00	General	\$8,035.91

Bank Charges NSF & fees	\$3.00	Total	\$110,015.42
Fingerprinting	\$69.00		
So.Leaders Forum	\$120.00		
Total Debit	\$492.00		

**Bank Balance October 31, 2013      \$110,015.42**

Nov-13

Credits

Insurance	\$311.00	Camp	\$96,471.94
Total Deposit	\$311.00	County Hi 4-H	\$372.82
		All Star	\$575.17
		County Office	\$340.00
		Club Closure	\$1,966.58

(hold until 2014)

Debits	Camp – 2014 deposit	\$2,250.00	General	\$7,986.91
	Bank Charges NSF & fees	\$3.00	Total	\$107,713.42
	So.Leaders Forum	\$360.00		
	Total Debit	\$2,613.00		

**Bank Balance November 30, 2013      \$107,713.42**

Officer's reports: **1Vice-President's Report (Acting President)** Welcome! Thank you for joining us today. At this time, the Council does not have a President so, as Vice-President, I will be leading this meeting.

The LA County Leaders' Council still has many vacant officer positions for this year. This could be a great opportunity for senior youth to get more involved with the council. Encourage your experienced senior members to apply for a county council position. A position can be shared with an adult. If a youth wants to try to a council position, they could try to find an adult with whom they are comfortable working with and ask them to volunteer with them for the office. If not a council officer, perhaps the youth might like to work on a particular county committee. Encourage the youth to contact the committee chair and VOLUNTEER.

2014 has now begun and we are planning many county events for the remainder of this 4-H year. We will be attempting to finalize our plans for this year and actually start planning for our next year. We may want to do things differently next year. We should evaluate what went well, where we should be putting our efforts, what we want to accomplish and how to keep our 4-H program relevant to the current needs of youth.

Planning needs to be done by all in the county, not just a few. We are not getting good attendance at our county events. We need to have representatives from all the county clubs at our county council meetings. We only have four meetings a year and a club could send a different representative to each of those meetings. When I was judging state record books last month in Davis, I heard that some counties regularly have their club vice-presidents attending the county council meetings to bring back important information to their clubs and to represent their clubs in discussions at the county meetings. Why not LA?

Along with more participation in county planning, we want to work on better communication in the county. We have a county event calendar, county website, a county newsletter and a club leader letter that comes out from the county office by email, but still clubs don't seem to be up-to-date on what is happening and is available. We may need to think of some new ways to better communicate.

The recent holidays are now over and it is time to get working on making our LA County 4-H program the best that it can be. Let's make 2014 a great 4-H year!

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. Ru Ekanayake is doing an all star project on CPR, today. Ru reported on plans for county judging day. Ru and Sallie are working on plans for a 4-H centennial celebration. They are thinking about a public exhibition with activity booths like a carnival as a fund raiser.

Committee Reports; 1. **County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair **District Representation on the County I&R Committee** All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Peter Michel from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There are no representatives from AV. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns. The committee will be discussing possible changes to the county record book judging. **County Awards Day 2013** The County Awards Day for the 2012-2013 program year was held on Saturday, Oct. 12, after County 4-H Pet Symposium. The awards presented at this event were listing in the November Clover Notes. **4-H Graduate Certificate and Pins** As 4-H members graduate out of the LA County 4-H program each year, they are recognized at their district Achievement Day programs with graduate certificates and pins. Please contact Charlene Moore if you have any questions about this or your 2013 4-H graduates have not received their graduate certificate and pin. **2013 State Record Book Judging** Ten Senior members indicated an interest in entering their 2012-2013 4-H records in the state record book competition this year. Eight of those completed the required online record book course to be eligible to enter their records in the state competition. Two of those, Ru Ekanayake and Rachel Kasperson, completed their records and submitted them to the state competition, which was held at the beginning of December. The judging at state this year was Danish judging. We are still waiting for the results of the judging. Noel Keller of Los Angeles County was selected to be on the state record book judging team. She was the only judge representing South Section. The judging was held in Davis December 6-8. **Record Book Manual 2011-2013 and forms** Record Book Manual 2012-2013 is the only record manual and forms that should be used this year. It is available on the state 4-H website and on our county website. The online record book system uses the forms from this 2011-2013 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)). **2013-2014 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day** The forms and information for the 2014 LA County Record Book Competition will be available on the county website by the end of January. We have not been informed by the state about any changes for this year. We are assuming that on-line recordkeeping will be the same as last year. For the county competition the 4-H forms will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy. The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 11th after the county 4-H Pet Symposium. **Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report (JTLDR)** The Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report should be filled out by Junior and Teen Leaders in your club. It should also be filled out by your Club Officers and Leadership Project members. The form is also to be used by county All Star Ambassadors, State Ambassadors, Camp Counselors and Exchange program participants. At the top of the form, you indicate for which leadership position the form is being completed. A member might actually fill out several of these forms during the planning at the start of the 4-H year. **2013-2014 Officer Book forms** The forms and information for the 2014 Officer Book Recognition program will be available on the county website at the end of January. All club and Hi-4H officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should start working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

**Senior Awards of Excellence** Plaques have been created for the LA County 4-H office where the names of the recipients of the Senior Awards of Excellence are added each year. This year there are five areas where a Senior member can be recognized for excellence: Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, Healthy Living and S.E.T. (Science, Engineering and Technology). Senior 4-H members are encouraged to work in these areas. A change this year will be that all Seniors who submit their record book in the county competition will be considered for these awards. A Senior can only be awarded a particular Senior Award of Excellence once. Along with their name appearing on the county plaque, the senior 4-H member is also given an individual plaque for the honor. This year the recipients of the 2014 Senior Awards of Excellence will be announced at the County Awards event on October 11, 2014. **Emerald Star**

**program** The Emerald Star program offers an advanced leadership opportunity to 4-H members. Look for more information on the county website. An Emerald Star project can be started at any time during the program year and can extend into the next year. For more information look at the county website. **Junior/Teen Leader Merit**

**Awards** As part of the county annual record judging, 4-H junior and teen members were invited to have their records evaluated for a Leader Merit Award. This award is to recognize outstanding leadership by Junior and Teen Leaders. A member request on their ID form for the county record book judging form that their records be evaluated for a merit award. A member may only earn a Junior Leader Merit Award once and a Teen Merit Award once.

To be considered for a leader merit award, the 4-H member must be enrolled in a Leadership project and complete the Annual Project Report form for the Leadership project. The member must also complete a Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report for 2013-2014 to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the County website under Record Book forms.

**All-Star Program** LA County 4-H All-Star is the highest county rank a member can earn. The applications for 2014-15 LA County 4-H All-Star will be due March 3, 2014. The application form will be available on the county 4-H website by the end of January. The announcement of the new 2014-15 LA County 4-H All-Stars will be made at County Field Day on March 22. This new timing will allow the new All-Stars time to plan their program for 2014-15 before the program year starts on July 1, 2014. Watch for more information about the All-Star program for next year.

**Friends of 4-H** Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and/or organizations that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district is encouraged to submit names to the County council at its next meeting in March for a Friend of 4-H award. Up to five such awards can be made for a year by the county council.

**State records competition** Senior 4-H members are eligible to enter the state record book competition. State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Books are judged against standard criteria. Those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, and leadership and citizenship development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners. Senior 4-H member (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition. Encourage your experienced Senior members to submit their records for the state competition. Only three additional pages are needed beyond what was submitted to the county competition. Accomplished senior members should be encouraged to start working on their sectional project application now for the 2013-14 competition. Set goals and plan ahead to have a great year in a project area so you can have a lot to report in your sectional project application. Consider having workshops on the application during the year. There is a lot of good project work being done in LA County, but it is not being entered in the state competitions. **Need more information about**

**record keeping and awards?** For more information about LA County 4-H record keeping and awards, consult the county website, the state website, the California 4-H Record Book Manual 2011-2013, Clover Notes newsletter, the county office and/or members of the County Incentives and Recognition (I&R) Committee (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung and Peter Michel).

2. 4-H Summer Camp—Dennis DeYoung reported camp is confirmed for June 22-28, 2014. \$275 is the cost. Staff application are on line. Emily Harrison and Farinn Randazzo are co-head youth directors. Kelly is head adult director

again. Executive staff was chosen. Their training will be Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. A lot of youth are going to TIC. There are 10 going to state camping conference. The rest of staff will be chosen with interviews at County judging Day, Feb. 22.

3. All Stars - They are working on their projects, and helping at county events. All Star applications are due in March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be on the web site by the end of the month.

4. Jr. All Star county project—Dee Keese There are 17 members are in this county project. They had lunch and meeting on what is in their manual. They are helping with judging day in the primary room.

5. Science Fair—It was to be today and was canceled because of loss of speakers and interest because of the holidays. We would like to combine it with another event.

6. Livestock Symposium—January 25 at Antelope Valley Fair Grounds. There are great speakers on sheep, swine, dogs, poultry, Pygmy goats, etc. There is ethics training for youth who will go to auction. There are also vendors. Registration : 8:15 am/Program Start:9:00am

7. 4-H Centennial—Sallie and Ru are thinking about a carnival with booths and vendors. Co-op extension is planning a an event for May 8<sup>th</sup>. for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of cooperative extension. We would like the events to be on a Saturday so we all could celebrate.

8. County Judging Day—SSG is in charge this year. It will be at Mt. SAC on Feb. 22.

9. County Food Faire – March 29, 2014 Kim Espinoza looking at different venues.

10. County Field Day—NSG County Fashion Show— Carrie DeYoung March 22, 2014. Purchased is now a \$40 challenge for entire outfit including shoes.

8. Sectional leaders' council—Sallie DeYoung : (from the Sept. meeting) ---Teen Involvement Conference is January 17-19, 2014 at Pathfinder Ranch. There is still time to register. State Leaders Forum was Nov. 8-11, 2013 in Sacramento and it included a Centennial Gala. California Tech Team: URL for the Cal. 4-H Website has changed. It will change from <http://ca4h.org> to <http://4h.ucanr.edu>. It is asked that all future 4-H publications/documents include the new URL. The old URL will no longer work in a few years. State Ambassadors: Have decided to change their uniform and have gotten rid of the previous blue suits. They are working on developing multiple outfits for multiple different occasions including more casual looks . They are also planning on attending every section's conference. Elections: Vice President-Mary Ann Smith, Treasurer-Kay Strothman, Policy Secretary-Judylynn Pelling, and State Representative-Paulette Sauln.

9. Camping Advisory Committee Report—Sallie DeYoung We worked on the schedule for the Camping Conference which is scheduled for March 21-24, 2014. The Camping Advisory Committee is also working on creating new literature for the SET programs. We also collected data from camps across the state and we have created quantitative results for them which are available for any county to view, you just need to ask. The next weekend there are going to gather qualitative results and interview people from each of the camps that completed the survey.

9. State 4-H leaders' Council—Noel Keller **State 4-H Leaders' Council report** The State 4-H Leaders' Council met on Saturday, October 26, 2013 in Davis. Noel Keller from Los Angeles County attended the executive council meeting the night before, as South Section Council President, and the council meeting on Saturday. Much of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming 2013 State Leaders Forum, which was to be held on November 8-10 in Sacramento. California will be running the 2018 Western Regional Leaders' Forum and Paulette Sauln of San Diego County has volunteered to chair that planning committee. The five entry categories for the 2014 State Fashion Revue were announced as Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Upcycled, Denim Challenge and Apron Challenge. State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service project: drawstring bags for foster children and walker bags for seniors. Information and

examples for the entry categories, and patterns and instructions for the service projects are on the state website. The State Fashion Revue committee is seeking entries for a cover design for the fashion show program. Any 4-H member can enter a design in the contest. Entries are due by January 15. The State Field Day and Fashion Revue will occur on May 31, 2014. The state council is considering new officer positions of Healthy Living, PR and Tech. A committee was set up to discuss and propose some job descriptions and guidelines for the possible positions. Mary Ann Smith was elected as the new Vice-President of the council, Richard Schrieber was re-elected as Treasurer and Dolores Hemphill was re-elected as Policy Secretary. The next state leaders' council meeting will be Saturday, April 26 in Ontario. For more information about this meeting, see the full minutes of the meeting on the state council website.

District Reports 1. **AV** : 2. **SFV** : 3. **NSG** : 4. **SSG** : Tabled for lack of time.

LA County 4-H Office Report: See livestock Symposium information.

**Old Business** 1. Katherine Cao and Debbie Treadwell were elected science co-chairmen. Noel Keller was elected President, and Dee Keese was elected Vice President.

General Announcements 1. All Star applications due March 3, 2014. 2. State 4-H Leaders' council meeting—April 26, 2014 in Ontario. 3. Western Regional Leader[s] Forum. March 27-30, 2014 in Billings, Montana.

Adjournment- 12:07pm. Next LA County Leaders' Council meeting Sat. March 1. 2014 We need a hosting club.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary