

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council March 8, 2014

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

Meeting called to order by President Noel Keller at 10:00 am. Flag salute and 4H pledge were led by Rick Herbert. Those in attendance introduced themselves: Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese, Rick Herbert, Teresa Fint, Dawn Fuller. With members from NSG, SSG, and SFV a quorum was present.

The meeting agenda was approved with an addition of Constitution and by laws.-- The minutes from the January 4, 2014 meeting was approved with these corrections: under old Business Katherine Cao and Debbie Treadwell were elected **County science co-chairmen**. Dee Keese was elected vice President **to fill Noels prior position**. **The remainder of old business tabled and all of new business was tabled**. **Because there was a scheduled CPR training scheduled to start at noon, the council meeting was adjourned at 12:07**. **The training was part of an All Star project by Ru Ekanayake**. Motion by Rick, seconded by Teresa. No council correspondence received. Treasurer's Report: Mary Lash's -written report was approved and filed for audit, moved by Teresa, seconded by Rick.

Officer's reports: 1 **President's Report** Welcome! Thank you for joining us today. Our current LA County 4-H year is moving along. We have just had a successful County Judging Day on February 22 and this month we will be having our County Field Day and Fashion Revue on March 22 at Mt. SAC. We need to finalize our plans for the remainder of this year and start planning for our program for 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. Our county 4-H planning needs to be done by all clubs in the county, not just a few. We need to have representatives from all the county clubs at our county council meetings. I thank you for coming and representing your clubs at the meeting today. The council believes that it is important that county matters be decided by the county districts and so requires that representatives from three of our four 4-H districts must participate in the council meeting before matters may be voted upon at the meeting. In the next few months we will be setting up the county council for the next year. Please consider being part of the council and representing your club and your district.

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 4-H Office Update that comes out from the county office by email to clubs, but still clubs don't seem to be up-to-date on what is happening and is available. Perhaps we should encourage the club Vice-President of each club to attend our council meetings to take back information to their clubs as several other counties do. This month we again tried a brief one-page newsletter called LA County 4-H News Blast to highlight upcoming events and where to find more information. We may need to be thinking of some new ways to better communicate. As we work on our calendar of events for next year, let's try to plan an exciting program of 4-H activities and opportunities. Let's try to find dates that will work for our events. Let's make the 2014-2015 LA County 4-H program a great year for our members.

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 representatives should come from different clubs in the district, but if there are not representatives from two different clubs available the district council can vote to have their I&R representatives from the same club. 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, March 26 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 Judging Day 2014

The County Judging Day was held on Saturday, February 22 at the Ag. Science Complex at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. It was a fun day of judging. The awards presented at this event will be listed in the March 2014 Clover Notes issue.

REMINDER - 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).

REMINDER - 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.

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 were due **March 4, 2014**. 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.

Participation in the county Junior All Star project is a good way to gain the skills and experience to apply to be a county All Star. If you have any questions about this, contact Dee Keese, Noel Keller or your club leader.

ATTENTION SENIORS – County Project Recognition

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.

Currently LA County 4-H judges member record books with a focus on a member-designated project area. Awards are given out in project areas. At the state record book competition, books are judged for the overall achievement of the member, without regard to just one project area. This year Seniors will again be able to select a project area for their record book evaluation at the county level. The county is considering changing the county judging to be more like the state competition for the next year (2014-15), Seniors who want to earn county recognition for a particular project area should plan to enter their record books in the County Record Book judging this year (records for 2013-2014). For the next year, this county project recognition might not be available.

At this time, the county is planning to keep the county record book judging for Juniors and Intermediates the same as it has been with judging in a member-designated project area.

REMINDER - 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).

2014-2015 State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee

The State 4-H Office is now accepting applications for the state 4-H Advisory Committees, including the State Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, for the 2014-2015 program year. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, and staff are encouraged to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the state 4-H program. Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2014 or entered online. For more information, see:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

4-H uniform design contest – entries due April 18

Do you like the current 4-H uniform? The State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is asking this question. Now is the time to voice your opinion. Let the state I&R committee know what you think. The committee is facilitating a process to adopt a new uniform. Read the contest rules and voting process at

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/181544.pdf>

Making the Best Better in 4-H

The state Future Task Force committee is requesting suggestions for making the California 4-H program even better. Do you have any suggestions? What could make our state incentive and recognition program better? Submit your comments and suggestions on a survey at:

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber+11848%20>.

Golden Glover Award Applications – due by May 1, 2014

For more information, see <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>

Higher Education Scholarship Applications – due by May 1, 2014

For more information, see <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

State Record Book Judging – 2013

Ten Senior members indicated an interest in entering their 2012-2013 4-H records in the 2013 state record book competition. 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 of PVP 4-H Club and Rachel Kasperson of Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club, completed their records and submitted them to the state competition.

Although the results are still not posted on the state website, we are very pleased to announce that Ru was a CA 4-H State Record Book Medalist and Rachel was a Merit Award Recipient. Congratulations!

State Record Book Judging – 2014 – taken from state 4-H website

County UCCE 4-H Office staff have been notified of the 2013 State Record Book Competition results. Results will be posted here in mid-February, 2014.

State competition is focused on selecting senior 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.

Record Books must **arrive** at the State Office by October 29, 2014. Please mail or deliver Record Books to:

UC ANR, 4-H YDP
Attention: Gemma Miner
2801 2nd Street
Davis, CA 95618-7774

Eligibility

Senior 4-H members (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.

To be eligible for 2014 State Competition, members must complete the [California 4-H Quick Start Record Book Course](#) by October 1, 2014.

Once you open the Prezi site, just click on the Play icon (arrow) and the course will start. At the end of the course, follow the link to complete the quiz.

Awards

- All 4-H members entering a record book at the state competition will receive constructive feedback.
- State participation and merit recognition members receive a certificate.
- State winners and medalists receive a certificate and lapel pin.
- All books submitted using the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) receive a "Got ORB" T-shirt.

2. 4-H Summer Camp—They are still accepting applications for staff members for summer Camp. It is June 22-28, 2014. \$275 is the cost

3. All Stars – One application was received. Announcement will be March 22.

4. Jr. All Star county project—They did an excellent job helping at judging day in the primary room.

5. Livestock Symposium was January 25 at Antelope Valley Fair Grounds. There were great speakers on sheep, swine, dogs, poultry, Pygmy goats, etc. It was an excellent day and well attended.

6. 4-H Centennial—Sallie and Ru are thinking about a carnival with booths and vendors. Co-op extension is planning a am event for May 8th. for the 100th year of cooperative extension.

7. County Judging Day—It was at Mt. SAC on Feb. 22.

8. County Food Faire –Was scheduled for March 29, 2014, but it had to be canceled due to circumstances and schedules.

9. County Field Day—NSG County Fashion Show— Carrie DeYoung March 22, 2014. You can still register for County Fashion Review but a reminder that it is required to receive a blue ribbon in your district fashion revue to compete at County.

10. Camping Advisory Committee Report, Sally DeYoung— Registration is still open for the Camping Conference in Boulder Creek in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It is March 21-24, 2014. We have some summer camp staff attending.

11. State 4-H leaders' Council—Noel Keller The State 4-H Leaders' Council has not met since our last county council meeting. The next state leaders' council meeting will be Saturday, April 26 in Ontario at Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 2280 S. Haven Ave. This is a great opportunity for our members and leaders to learn about 4-H at the state level. Please consider attending the meeting and representing our county. This is an important time for the comments and opinions of LA County 4-H members and leaders to be heard. For more information about the agenda of this important meeting, see below.

12. **State Future Task Force Committee** By Noel Keller A State Future Task Force Committee was established to evaluate the California State 4-H program and determine how it might be improved as we moved

into our next 100 years. The committee is made up of representatives from each section, adults, members staff and some outside-of-4H people. Our representatives from South Section are adult Paulette Sauln from San Diego County, Megan Chiatovich from Orange County and Genevieve Mason from San Diego County. The state 4-H office was proposing a complete revisal of the organizational structure of the 4-H program. A subcommittee of the state Future Task Force (FTF) committee was created to handle this task. The proposal first brought up suggested dissolving the section councils, and reforming them into committees of the State 4-H Council. There was disagreement for that proposal and later several other possible structures were proposed which included the sectional councils. It was decided to gather more information and again try to set up a plan for a workable organizational structure for the program. There has been much discussion about this going on in the state. We are encouraging all volunteers to share their opinion by filling out a online survey, which can be found at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11848%20>. The state task force committee was most likely not meet in person again. All planned future meetings will be through telecommunications. The State 4-H Office hopes for a revised organizational structure by fall 2014. There are concerns for the speed at which this task force is moving. Collaboration between 4-H staff and volunteers are extremely important during these discussions. It is asked that volunteers promote working with the state office to help solve our enrollment crisis. How can we get more youth in the state to join our program? How can we spread the word about the great opportunities for youth in our program? How can our program stay relevant to needs of our youth? Share your thoughts, comments and suggestions. Please contact Noel Keller (or one of our South Section committee representatives) for more information about this evaluation of the state 4-H program and restructuring process.

Leaders' Appreciation event – The Leaders' Luncheon will be held at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills on April 5. The SFV district is helping the office with the event by providing the center pieces. Reservations can still be made by calling the AV 4-H office.

Sectional Leaders' Council – The South Section Leaders' Council met on January 11 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Plans are moving ahead for Sectional Field Day and Fashion Revue on May 17th at Mt. SAC. The next meeting for the council is April 12 at Mt. SAC.

Teen Council – A successful TIC conference was held by the Teen Council in January. Several LA County youth and some leaders attended. Sallie DeYoung was elected as a youth representative to the State Leaders' Council.

State Policy Advisory Committee - The State Policy Advisory Committee has not met recently, but is scheduled to meet in Davis next Friday.

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

LA County 4-H Office Report: Dawn reported: 1. Drinking water is important and should be encouraged at every meeting. 2. Dawn commends Macy 4-H club and community leader Mike Lopez for attending their first county event and winning medals. 3. On May 8th there will be a celebration of the 100th birthday of the Cooperative Extension to be held at Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum, south of Compton from 3-6pm. It will be a fun afternoon of science activities. Everyone is welcome. 4. Ru Ekanayake and Sallie DeYoung have applied for State Ambassador. 5. There is an Event Pass Competition for the Livestock Symposium, County Judging Day and County Field Day. Three tablets and some gift cards will be given away to those who attend at least two of the events and enter the competition online.

6. LA County 4H is changing. A LA County 4-H FTF committee is being formed. Noel Keller and Michelle Wall are included on the committee. They will be looking at a middle management volunteer structure, perhaps to start in the next two years. Further details will be coming. Volunteers can pick a committee (such as I&R, Events, PR, etc.) to work on, but not all of them. Want to have people work in the specialized areas and use their talents, increase volunteer numbers and have a program more effective for youth. Want to grow the program and enhance the volunteer experience.

Old Business 1. Election of Representatives for South Section Leaders' Council, Rick Herbert and Dee Keese were nominated and elected. 2. Friends of 4-H—Ed Fuller from PVP was nominated for his work with the pigeon project for many years. 3. Our constitution and by laws were not approved by State. We are going to ask Marjorie Rodriguez to revive the committee and work on it and present information at the next meeting. 4. We are working to get Clover Notes out on time and work on the web site. It was better this month.

New Business 1. Calendar dates for 2014-15 form is on the calendar. It is a 16 month calendar. We need sectional and state dates to encourage people. 2. Nomination for officers is on the web site. 3. Budget for 2014-15 ask county treasurer to chair budget to be presented at next county council meeting. The district treasurers will serve on the committee. 4. We need look into the district rotations. We need to work on fund raising. We need a committee to look at where we spend our money and promote youth attendance at events.

General Announcements 1. Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF)—Mar. 27-30, 2014 in Billings, MT. 2. South Section Leaders' Council & Teen Council Meetings April 12, at Mt. SAC. 3. State 4-H Leaders' council meeting—April 26, 2014 in Ontario. 4. South Section Field Day and Fashions—May 17, 2014 at Mt. SAC. 5. State 4-H Field Day and Fashion Review—May 31, 2014 in Davis

Adjournment- 1:12pm. Next LA County Leaders' Council meeting Sat. May 10, 2014 We need a hosting club.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary