

**Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council January 31, 2015**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, 6338 N. Figueroa St, L.A., CA 90042

**Meeting called to order** by President Noel Keller at 9:07 am after time to greet and meet. Flag salute and 4H pledge were led by Meghan Tahbaz. The meeting ground rules were posted on the wall. Introductions were given. Those in attendance are Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese, Carrie DeYoung, Meghan Tahbaz, Paul Klose, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Michael Lopez, Margie Lopez and Isabel Alanez. We were pleased to have the new Beverly Hills 4-H Club represented at our meeting. The meeting agenda was approved. Motion by Carrie, seconded by Mike.

**The minutes from the September 6, 2014 meeting** was approved as printed. Motion by Carrie, seconded by Mike .

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy moved we accept Mary Lash's Treasurer's report for 3 months (Oct, Nov, Dec). Seconded by Mike. Approved and filed for audit.

**Council correspondence--** 21 thank-you notes for record book medals were received and passed around.

**President's Report** Welcome! Thank you for joining us today. We thank the NSG district for hosting this meeting. Since we are starting our meeting an hour earlier than usual, we may find that others will be joining us around 10am when we normally start. The Junior Leadership Conference is being held here at the same time as our council meeting. At some point the participants of the leadership conference will probably come over to visit our meeting for a little while. At our meeting today we will be discussing the plans for our upcoming events this program year. We will also be putting out the call for 2015-2016 council officer nominations, program calendar dates and budget items. 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. We only have four meetings a year and a club could send a different representative to each of those meetings. 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. I think we should encourage that here in LA County. I thank you for coming and representing your clubs at the meeting today. During the summer, an evaluation of our 4-H program in LA County was started in an effort to try to determine what will be the best way to deliver our 4-H county program. We were expecting to hear more about this today, but a report is not yet ready, so at this time we will be moving ahead to make plans for 2015-2016 program year as usual. 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 2015 a great 4-H year!

**Program** –Judylynn Pelling showed the Eagle-Rock Highland Park club's domestic composting worms in the garden and in small containers for fair exhibit. She told how they help the garden and how to care for them.

**County Office Report:** Report from Dawn Fuller: **Be Sure to Re-Enroll** - July 1, 2014 started the new 4-H Program Year. The program fees for the 2014-2015 4-H Program Year are \$34 per youth and \$12 per adult. 4-H members turning 19, finishing up their 4-H projects do not need to enroll in this current program year. Our insurance policy covers those youth through December 31, or completion of their projects. Please log on to: <https://california.4honline.com> and update your profile(s). A "cheat sheet" for this process can be found at: <http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/files/167487.pdf>.

**LA County 4-H on Facebook** - Be sure to "like" Los Angeles County 4-H on Facebook. There are neat stories regarding 4-

Hers not only in Los Angeles, but all over the United States posted here. You can also expect to find fun event reminders and volunteer opportunities. Go on, "Like" us!

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### **1. County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair **County Awards Day 2014**

The County Awards Day for the 2013-2014 program year was held on Saturday, Oct. 11, after County 4-H Pet Symposium. The awards presented at this event were listing in the November Clover Notes. **2014 State Record Book Judging** Six Senior members completed the required online record book course and submitted their records in the state competition. The judging at state this year was Danish judging. The results were listed in the January Clover Notes. Noel Keller of Los Angeles County was selected to be on the state record book judging team. The judging was held in Davis November 7-9. **Record Book Manual 2011-2014 and forms** Record Book Manual 2011-2014 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 2011-2014 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)). **2014-2015 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day**

The forms and information for the 2015 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the county website. 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 10th 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.

**2014-2015 Officer Book forms** The forms and information for the 2015 Officer Book Recognition program are available on the county website. 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 again 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. All Seniors who submit their record book in the county competition we will 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 2015 Senior Awards of Excellence will be announced at the County Awards event on October 10, 2015.

**Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards** As part of the county annual record judging, 4-H junior and teen members are 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 2014-2015 to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the County website under Record Book forms. **All-Star Ambassador Program** LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador is the highest county rank a member can earn. Following state guidelines, our county All Stars

will be called county All Star Ambassadors. The applications for 2015-16 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador will be due March 3, 2015. The application form is available on the county 4-H website. For next year, the I&R committee is recommending that there be at least two advisors with at least one in the AV district area, that the new All Star Ambassadors attend the State Leadership Conference in the summer and have at least one summer retreat for their planning. The announcement of the new 2015-16 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors will be made at County Field Day on March 28. This will allow the new All-Star Ambassadors time to plan their program for 2015-16 before the program year starts on July 1, 2015. Watch for more information about the All-Star Ambassador program for next year.

**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. **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 2014-15 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. The I&R Committee is considering running a workshop on entering the state record book competition during the summer. 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 2011-2014, Clover Notes newsletter, the county office and/or members of the County Incentives and Recognition (I&R) Committee (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Dee Keese and Peter Michel).

**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 and Dee Keese from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There are no representatives from AV. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/School (6338 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 90042). Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns.

**2. Summer Camp Committee Report** – Dennis DeYoung The dates and registration fee for Summer Camp 2015 have been finalized. Kelly Dowlan from San Diego County 4-H is the 2015 Head Adult Director and Sallie DeYoung is the Head Youth Director. **Camp - Sunday, June 21st – Saturday, June 27th, 2015** – 4-H Summer Camp – at Camp Seeley. The registration fee is unchanged at \$275.00. Applications and more info is available online at [www.4hsummercamp.com](http://www.4hsummercamp.com). Orange County has decided to cancel their organized camp program and we hope that adult and youth 4-Hers will feel welcome to attend our Camp at Camp Seeley in Crestline, CA.

**Sunday, March 8, 2015** – Camp Committee Meeting at Mary Lash's house – 3:00 PM

**Friday, March 13, 2015** – Deadline to Apply for Staff (Must be age 14 or older by 1/1/2015)

**March 28, 2015** – Staff Interviews – Location: At Los Angeles County Field Day

**May 2-3, 2015** – All Staff Training Weekend at Monrovia Canyon Park Cabin

**Saturday, May 16, 2015** – ACA Camp Staff Training Day at Valley Trails Ranch, Castaic, CA

**Sunday, May 17, 2015** – Camp Committee Meeting at Mary Lash's house – 3:00 PM

**Sunday, June 14, 2015** – Camp Committee Meeting at Mary Lash's house – 3:00 PM

**Saturday & Sunday, June 20-21, 2015** – Executive Staff Training Weekend at North Bay Resort at Lake Arrowhead

**Camp - Sunday, June 21st – Saturday, June 27th, 2015** – 4-H Summer Camp – at Camp Seeley

**Staff Party - Sunday, July 12th, 2015** – All Staff Party at the Jack Kramer Club - Rolling Hills Estates

**Sunday, July 26th, 2015** – Camp Evaluation and Camp Committee Meeting at Mary Lash's house – 3:00 PM; Selection of 2016 Head Adult Director

**3. County 4-H All Star Ambassadors:** Holly Whipple, L.A. County All Star is presenting a Jr. Leader Conference today during this meeting. Fifteen youth are participating. Educational and fun leadership activities have been planned.

**March 3, 2015 is the date to turn in 2015-2016 All Star Ambassador applications for next 4-H year.** Perhaps the All Stars could come to a meeting of the Junior All Stars to encourage them to apply for All Star Ambassador for next year.

**4. Jr. All Star county project** is doing well. We will continue to call them Jr. All Stars. There is a list of what they can help with. They are planning to take turns running the primary room at County Judging Day. There are currently 22 Jr. All Stars in the project.

**5. Science Fair** has been postponed to spring. Definite interest was shown in rescheduling this event to later in the program year and perhaps combining it with another event. Debbie Treadwell and Katherine Cao would also like to do a field trip.

**6. Livestock Symposium**—Charlene Moore estimates over 350 members, leaders, parents and presenters attended. Presenters came from all over the state. Much information was given out.

**7. County judging Day** is Feb. 28 at Palmdale High School. Practice judging day will be held by PVP 4-H club on Feb. 18th. Meet 7-8pm at Rolling Hills City Hall, corner of PV Dr. North and Crenshaw. Email [swindude64@earthlink.net](mailto:swindude64@earthlink.net)

**8. County Fashion Revue**—Carrie DeYoung—March 28, 2015 The packets will be out soon. They must get a blue at district to go to county. Members can model at any district event (if they can't make their own.) County winners go to state. They can also go to Sectional Fashion Revue.

**9. Healthy Living Report**—Megan Tahbaz reported: Healthy living articles have been submitted to Clover Notes each month. Ru Ekanayake –written report: National Healthy Living Happenings: NOYS (National Organization for Youth Safety) launching a new youth correspondent program with a youth in every state to be engaged in social media outreach. Applications to be available in the spring. Assessment to evaluate healthfulness of 4-H events (club and special events) being developed. Checklist to be provided online.

**10. State I and R Committee Report** – Sallie DeYoung We worked on creating a new Leadership Development form for the Record book. We also discussed the uniform and chose the recipients of the higher education scholarships. Additionally, the State Record books were judged and sent back to their counties.

**11. State Ambassador Report – Sallie DeYoung** The State Ambassadors just had our Winter Retreat and planned the State Leadership Conference which is July 23-26, 2015 in UC Irvine. Support Staff Applications are opening soon and the application for PA's is currently open. We went to the Teen Involvement Conference and presented on Citizenship. We are also working our way around to the other sectional conferences. We also attended the Ag Expo in San Diego. We have a conference call this Monday, but if you would like any more information on our on goings, check out the Ambassador Corner in the newsletter.

**12. County Field Day**—Dee Keese - March 28 at Mt. SAC. A packet will be coming out soon. We are considering including the new state field day event of Discussion Meet. Watch for more information about this.

**13. County Food Fair**--We need a location and leader in charge. We are asking if we can do it with the AV Food Fair and Fashion Revue on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**14. Leader's Appreciation event:** SFV is looking into a location for June 6, 2015.

**15. Discussion Meet contest.** The State is having a new category of competition at State Field Day. Final awards have been donated as follows: First place, \$1,000, Second place \$750, Third and Fourth Places \$500 each. For the contest the members are judged on their skills in committee meeting discussion. A manual on Discussion Meet is available on the state website. The progression of the contest goes from county to section to state and then the finals to be held at SLC in July at UC Irvine. Any senior members who interested in this contest should contact Noel or Dee. It was discussed how we might have this opportunity in our county. We want to do a demonstration of this before Field Day, perhaps at County Judging Day. We would like to have our LA County members participate in this new event. To learn more about this new event, Noel attended the California State YR&R Discussion Meet in Garden Grove in December and the National YF&R Discussion Meet in San Diego earlier in January.

**District Reports:** **1. AV**— They are currently planning County Judging Day.. **2. SFV**—They are planning the leader appreciation luncheon. **3. SSG**— Practice judging day to be held at PVP 4-H Club Community meeting Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 7-8pm at Rolling Hills City Hall, corner of PV Dr. North and Crenshaw. Everyone is invited. Emerald Star Projects by Sara Yeck and Sarah Conlon are being planned. Eight 4-Hers are coming from Montana to CA August 9-16, 2015 **4. NSG**—Our district Achievement Night included an air rocket shoot, community service-making Christmas ornaments for hospital, and a cake walk. Our 61<sup>st</sup> annual Monte Farmer's Fair is next Saturday, Feb. 7 at Good Shepherd.

**Event Report:** 1. 2015 State Leader's Forum will be in San Diego November 6-8<sup>th</sup>. First time attendees are encouraged to apply for financial aid. 2. State Leadership Conference is close this year, in Irvine, July 13-19. Thirteen and above can attend. There is financial aid.

**Old Business** 1. Fund raising –We need a committee and help to raise funds for our county. 2. Election of remaining officers for 2014-15: Two new officers were elected: Dee Keese is our new Shooting Sports Chair. Mike Lopez is our new Technology Chair 3. Send your news and event information to Roy for the Clover Notes. 4. It was suggested that some people do not open attachments in emails so whenever possible the attachment information should be included in the main body of the email. This was part of a discussion about how to better communicate what is happening in the county to the leaders and members.

**New Business** 1. Friend of 4-H nominations need to be turned in at the next meeting in March. We can honor us to 5 people or organizations. 2. Dates for 2015-2016 should be submitted for consideration at the next meeting. 3. Dee will collect nominations for officers for the next 4-H year. 4. Items for budget need to be planned. 5. Fundraising –we need a committee for this . 6. Western Region Leaders Forum 2015 – online on Feb. 12. This year the Western Region Leaders Forum (WRLF) 2015 is being run by the Oregon State 4-H program. Instead of leaders and volunteers going to Oregon for the event, Oregon decided to send the sessions out to the leaders by webinars and online recordings. This is the first time this kind of format is being used for this Forum. The first e-session was held on Tuesday, Jan. 27 with a theme of “Youth Connect: At Great Meetings”. Noel Keller participated in this session at a site in Orange County. Ideas were presented on helping youth have fun at club meetings while learning, conducting business and practicing leadership. The other two e-sessions will be as follows: Thursday, Feb. 12 6:30-8pm with a theme of “Widening the Circle: Special Connections”(Practice skills and gain confidence in working beside 4-H youth who have special needs.) and Monday, Mar. 2 6:30-8pm with a theme of “Youth Connecting: In Your Community” (Gain ideas about how to include citizenship and community service in every 4-H club meeting.) Recordings of these sessions will be available on the Oregon 4-H website after the event. If you want to participate in the next sessions, consider having your computer designated as an official site to receive the webinar by contacting the Oregon WRLF 2015 website for registration information, or contact Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)). As this time, the two closest official sites for the webinars are in Santa Ana and in San Diego.

General Announcements 1. All –Star Ambassador Applications—due March 3, 2015 2. Western Regional Leaders’ Forum (WRLF) 2105-virtual conference online.

Adjournment- 11:35pm. Moved by Mike, seconded by Carrie.

Next LA County Leaders’ Council meeting to be March 21, 2015 hosted by SFV.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary