

# Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting - April 2, 2016

Galpin Ford 15505 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills, CA

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Council Vice Pres. Noel Keller at 10:15am FLAG SALUTE & 4-H PLEDGE, led by Niki Krishmar.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Those present were Noel Keller, Peter Michel, Carrie DeYoung, Judylynn Pelling, Margie Lopez, and Niki and Marina Krishmar. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** Motion was made by Peter Michel, seconded by Carrie DeYoung, voted on and passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** January 30, 2016 meeting minutes approved as printed. Peter Michel made the motion, Margie Lopez seconded and it was passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Mary Lash – Report through March 2016 was presented. Motion by Peter, second Margie and passed to accept it. Additional income that we expected was discussed.

**COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE** – Thank you letter book was passed around.

## **COUNCIL OFFICER REPORTS**

**President – Dee Keese** I want to thank everyone for coming and wish I could be here with all of you, but I will be down in the Grand Canyon (Havasupai) backpacking with 20 of my Backpacking Project Members from my club and the Youth Directors from Summer Camp, a couple of leaders and actually a couple of 4H Alumni as well.. I want to thank Noel for taking over in my absence. I also want to share with you a fantastic experience that Noel and I enjoyed together. Actually a Bonding experience for all 41 delegates of California to Western Regional Leaders Forum recently in Alaska. We saw the Aurora Borealis at 3am in the morning, went dog sledding, cross skiing and even enjoyed a wonderful Hot Springs together. I would like all of you to consider attending the next one in Edmonton, Canada next March. If you can't make that one, please join us in California the following year in San Diego 2018. You learn so much from other states, leaders and it also gives you this energetic feeling upon returning from such an experience. I definitely recommend it to all of you!

**Vice-Pres—Noel Keller** – At the meeting today, we will discussing plans for the 2016-17 LA County 4-H program year. The starting draft for the 2016-17 calendar will be posted on the county website. Please send additional dates for the calendar to Noel Keller ([mkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:mkeller91711@gmail.com)). Please send nominations for 2016-2017 council officers also to Noel. Please send suggestions for updates to the council 2016-2017 budget to Mary Lash.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Camille Norczyk** not present, no report

**Healthy Living Officer – Meghan Tahbaz** not present, no report

**PROGRAM** –. None

**COUNTY OFFICE REPORT** Leaders luncheon has been cancel because of the small number of those able to attend.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

1. AV – not present

2. SFV—The district led County Field Day and Fashion Review. It was very successful.

3. NSG-- Monte Farmers' was Saturday, February 13 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It was very successful with 85 entries. NSG Home Ec and Field Day with the theme of "4-H – Keepin' It Fresh" was held on a Monday evening. We had a food faire, fashion show, exhibits of recycled projects, a cake walk with decorated cakes and a potluck. We are working on SGV Fair. Entry forms are due to leaders by April 14.

4.. SSG—Niki K. reported, The district fashion show was fun. She went to county and won two gold medals. She had fun and is going to State fashion show. The backpacking project is on a trip in the Grand Canyon. The clubs are also working on SGV Fair. Two copies of the entry form are needed.

## **COMMITTEE/OTHER REPORTS**

**County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair

## **New 2016-2017 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors – Kiran Ekanayake and Katherine Shannon**

**Kiran Ekanayake** of the PVP 4-H Club in the South San Gabriel district and **Katherine Shannon** of the Quartz Hill 4-H Club in the Antelope Valley district were named to be the new 2016-2017 LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors at LA County 4-H Field Day on March 19. Congratulations to Kiran and Katherine! We look forward to their participation, enthusiasm and leadership in our LA County 4-H program for next year.

**County Judging Day results** The results of the County Judging Day held on February 27 were listed in the March issue of Clover Notes. We thank Charlene Moore and the AV district for organizing and running a great day of judging.

**2016 County Fashion Revue and County Field Day results** The results of the County Fashion Revue and County Field Day held on March 19<sup>th</sup> were listed in the April issue of Clover Notes. We thank Carrie DeYoung and Teresa Fint for organizing and running a successful County Fashion Revue. We thank Natalie Kolkovich, Carrie DeYoung and the SFV district for organizing and running the successful County Field Day.

**Limit on entries for County Field Day recommended** After evaluating the number of entries per person and the number of no-shows for judging rooms, the county I&R Committee recommends that a limit of 4 entries should be placed on morning competitions at County Field Day, excluding Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Discussion Meet, Cultural Arts and Share the 4-H Fun Skit. After some discussion at the county council meeting, it was decided to table further discussion of setting a limit for entries at County Field day until the next county council meeting in May.

**South Section Field Day – May 21<sup>th</sup>** The South Section 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, May 21st. Everyone is invited to attend this event. You do not need to have competed at or attended County Field Day to attend. Here is your chance to attend a sectional event in our own county. You can watch the competitions, participate in the judging contests, try impromptu speaking, enter an educational display, participate in an interview contest for a job and/or watch the fashion revue and the share the fun performances. Save the day! Plan to attend.

So that our LA County 4-H members can compete at Sectional Field Day, we need to provide a proportionate number of evaluators (judges) and room hosts. The judges need to have judged before, at least at the county level. If you are available to judge or room host on Saturday, May 21st at Mt. SAC in Walnut, please contact Carrie DeYoung ([csdeyoung@socal.rr.com](mailto:csdeyoung@socal.rr.com)) as soon as possible and register online by April 9<sup>th</sup> at

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get\\_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/South\\_Section\\_Field\\_Day/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/South_Section_Field_Day/)

**South Section Field Day online registration by April 9<sup>th</sup>** If you want to compete, judge or room host at South Section Field Day, then you must go to the South Section Field Day website at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get\\_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/South\\_Section\\_Field\\_Day/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/South_Section_Field_Day/) to register yourself online for the categories in which you want to compete and/or participate. After April 9<sup>th</sup> the online registration will be closed. Contact Carrie DeYoung ([csdeyoung@socal.rr.com](mailto:csdeyoung@socal.rr.com)) or Noel Keller at 909-621-2373 or at [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you need help with the online registration.

In most categories you need to be a county winner (Gold Medal) to be able to go on and compete at sectional field day, but you do not need to be a county winner (or even have attended county field day) to enter the Interview Contest or the Educational Display Talk at Sectional Field Day on May 21, however you must register online on the South Section Field Day website as explained above by April 9th.

You do not need to be a county winner or even register in advance to enter Impromptu Speaking or Extemporaneous Speaking at South Section Field Day on May 21. No pre-registration is requested in these two areas for Sectional, but expect to pay a \$1.00 entry fee when you participate.

**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. Each district has an Emerald Star advisor, but a member may work with any of the Emerald Star advisors Pelling is for the NSG district, Carrie DeYoung is for the SFV district and Jamie

Litchfield is the new Emerald Star advisor for the AV district. For more information look at the county website.

**Club Planned Goals** Clubs are encouraged to set club goals at the beginning of the 4-H year and then work during the year to reach those goals. There is a county program to encourage clubs to make their club goals and then evaluate how they met those goals at the end of the program year. Clubs submit their planned club goals by November 1 and then report the completed club goals by August 15. Clubs then receive a seal for their charter based on how well they met the goals for the year. Look for more information about this program during the summer when the new 4-H program year starts. Information will also be available on the county website.

## **New Record Book Manual for 2015-2016**

The state 4-H office has released a new 2015-2016 California 4-H Record Book Manual, which is now considered to be the current manual and we are told to discard all previous record book manuals. Please use this manual for your 4-H records this year (2015-2016). A second manual California 4-H Record Book Forms 2015-2016 contains the forms to use with the first 2015-2016 manual. Please use these forms for your records this year. Across the top of each form is the phrase "California 4-H Record Book 2015-2016". DO NOT USE FORMS FROM PRIOR 4-H RECORD BOOK MANUALS. A third record book manual for leaders came out this fall from the state office. We will have these manuals on the county website. The first two manuals are currently on the state website.

There are some changes for 4-H record keeping. Be sure to look at these new manuals as you record your 4-H activities during the year. This year Seniors are encouraged to include a resume in their record book. The Junior and Teen Leadership Development form has been replaced by the new Leadership Development Form. Expression pages for project reporting are not optional. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)).

## **2015-2016 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day**

The forms and information for the 2016 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the county website. For the county competition the online 4-H forms will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy. We are planning a record book workshop on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the same time and location as our next county council meeting. The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 22nd after the county 4-H Pet Symposium. This is a change in the date. When the Pet Symposium changed its date to October 22, we moved the County Awards program date to be the same.

## **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 six areas where a Senior member can be recognized for excellence: Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, Healthy Living, S.E.T. (Science, Engineering and Technology) and, the new one this year, **Project Work**. Senior 4-H members are encouraged to work in these areas. All Seniors who submit their record book in the county competition we will consider 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 2016 Senior Awards of Excellence will be announced at the County Awards event on October 22, 2016.

**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 Leadership Development Report (LDR) for 2015-2016 to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the County website under Record Book forms.

## **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. No additional pages are needed beyond what is submitted to the county competition. Accomplished senior members should be encouraged to start working on their record books now for the 2015-16 competition. Set goals and plan ahead to have a great year in a project area. Districts should consider having workshops on completing record books 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.

**To be eligible to enter the state record book competition, seniors must complete a brief online record book course on the state website and submit a letter of intent to submit your record book to our county office by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mark your calendar in May to remind yourself to take the record book course, so you at least have the option to submit a your record book to state in October. We are planning to have a record book workshop which will include special tips on completing a record book for the state record book recognition on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at the same time and location as the county council meeting. You do not need to submit your record book to the county record book competition to be able to submit your record book to the state competition, but it could be helpful to have your records evaluated at the county level so you have suggestions about how to make your records better for the state competition.**

## **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, May 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.

4-H Summer Camp –June 19-25 (earlier than usual), Early bird registration is until May 1<sup>st</sup>, then the cost goes up. Camperships are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Junior All-Star Project -they helped at County Field Day and did a great job.

Science Fair – has no plans yet. We need a chair.

Food Fair—AV. It went very well

County Fashion Revue – Carrie DeYoung – Mar. 19, 2016 The packet has gone out.

**Sectional 4-H Leaders' Council** –Director from state came. State areas are being replaced by state management board. Southern Area will be same counties as South Section, except Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo will be in a different Area. Plans are being made for Sectional Field Day to be held on May 21.

**State 4-H Leaders' Council** -- The next and last State Leaders' Council meeting will be Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ontario. The new management board will be taking over for the new 4-H year. Contact Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)) if you have any questions about this. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Fund raising—It was suggested that if you are on the meeting agenda and you miss a report you should be accessed \$5. If things are free members often don't appreciate it. A Los Angeles County 4-H building would be a great where things could be stored and meetings could be held. We need to pass on the culture.

2. Friends of 4-H –We have given one for the Los Angeles Breakfast Club. No other nominations for Friends of 4-H were made for this year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Our constitution and by-laws, we should wait until the new setup is planned. Noel will ask Keith.
2. 2016-2017 officer nominations: All are a one year term, except adult rep. to South Section council. We need reps. from all 4 districts to serve as council officers. Elections are May 14<sup>th</sup>, nominations will be taken from the floor also. Nominations were as follows: Pres.-Dee Keese, Vice Pres.- Noel Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres. Kiran Ekanayake, Katherine Shannon, Secretary-Judylynn Pelling, Treasurer-Mary Lash, Reporter/Historian,,,,, Ag. Chair.....Science Chair—Kenneth Krishmar/Yunker, Home Ec. Chair...Shooting Sports Chair—Dee Keese, Jim Otto, Don Genourx, Technology Chair—Xavier Cruz, J.C. Gomez, Leader Support Chair.... I.&R Chair—Noel Keller, Civics Chair.... Healthy Living Chair.... Parliamentarian/Policy Sec.....Adult Rep. to Southern area program committee (2 year term), Youth rep. to same (1 year term), Adult and Youth Alternates (1 year term)
3. Calendar for 2016-2017 was worked on and will be posted on the county website for review. It will be voted on at our next meeting.
4. The budget was discussed for 2016-2017. It will be voted on at the next meeting.
5. Macy 4-H requested for more money for their Kansas exchange. Carrie moved that we approve an additional \$500 for their trip. Seconded by Judylynn. Discussed. Voted on and passed.

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.South Section Healthy Summit—looking for someone to chair next year.
2. Next LA 4-H Leaders' Council meeting—Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Highland Park—NSG There will be record book training.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 1:13 pm.

Next LA County Council Meeting –May 14, 2016 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, hosted by the NSG district

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary