

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders Council

Saturday, March 25, 2017 Hosted by San Fernando Valley District
Galpin Ford, 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills

The meeting was called to order at 10: 13 by President Dee Keese.

Flag salute was led by Abby Lockmann, 4-H pledge was led by Tierna D'Arcy.

Approval of agenda—motion by Peter, seconded by Amy Lockmann. Voted on and passed.

Minutes from the January 14 - meeting—Noel moved we approve the minutes corrected.

Seconded by Peter. Voted on and approved. Corrections: 1. Under old business #5, Should read: **Macy 4-H club is asking for money for renting a van for interstate exchange 2017. It is still tabled because Kansas has not gotten back to Dee Keese about the exchange.** 2.

Under new business #2 add **SSG nominated Keese and Steinberg Law Firm for Friends of 4-H.** 3. Under Announcements #3 Add **Leaders** before luncheon, 4. Add Applications **due** Feb. 17.

Treasurers' Report— Sent by Mary Lash. The date needs to be changed to March 25, 2017.

Under Jan. debts PV should be changed to PVP. We would like to know when the money came in for PVP. We need an accounting in the treasurers' report for the money Summer Camp gave to the council. Mike Lopez moved we approve the report as corrected. Peter seconded it. Voted on and passed.

Correspondence. Noel received several notes and will bring to the next meeting.

Presidents Report: Dee Keese—Welcome, thank you for coming.

Vice President's Report—Noel Today we will be discussing the event dates, council officer nominations and council budget adjustments for the LA County 4-H 2017-2018 program year, which will then be finalized and approved at our May council meeting. This is our usual planning process. We will need to look carefully at our date planning to minimize the need to change dates in the future. We will be asking the Area and State to set their dates for 2017-2018 so the dates are known before we finalize our county calendar. Since the state Management Board and office are still getting organized, however, we may have to be flexible in our planning. Please email 2017-2018 event dates and officer nominations to Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Forms and information for submitting officer nominations and budget adjustment requests are on the county website. Please consider getting more involved in the planning of our LA County 4-H opportunities for our members. We want to have the best 4-H program possible for our youth. Please contact Noel if you have any questions or input for this planning.

At our county council meeting in May, we approved the 2016-2017 LA County 4-H Calendar. Since then, there have been some date changes and additions. Look at the 2016-2017 LA County 4-H calendar on the county 4-H website for the most current dates. Notable changes and additions that still will occur this program year include the following:

Southern Area Field Day and Fashion Revue – **changed to April 1** from May 20

Southern Area Leaders' Retreat – **April 7-9**

Many of these changes occurred due to the state requiring the Southern Area to move its Area Field Day and Fashion Revue to a time earlier in the year.

2nd Vice Pres.—Kiran Ekanayake No report.

Healthy Living Officer—Kaylin Kwan, No report

County Office report—No report

District Reports: 1. **AV**—Katherine Shannon—They received a \$14,515.00 donation. Judging day was successful. 2. **SSG**—They were involved with the Home and Family Show on the hallmark station that was televised nationally, publicizing 4-H. They are working on the San Gabriel Fair. Macy 4-H planted a tree in front of their school that was televised nationally. 3. **SF**—They thank us all for coming. They planned today. The refreshments are great. 4. **NSG**—report by Noel Keller NSG district held its Monte Farmer's Fair on Saturday February 4 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in LA. The event included activities for the members while the evaluating of entries occurred, a food auction and a service project. We had a successful NSG Home Ec and Field Day event on Sunday, March 5th at the Treadwell home. It was a rainy day, but those who came had fun. The event included a food fair, home arts entries evaluated, a judging contest, impromptu speaking and a potluck dinner. Our NSG Fashion Revue had to be postponed to Thursday, March 9th. The Fashion Revue was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The district had been organizing the 2017 County Field Day and then ran the event at Mt. SAC on March 11. The NSG district will host the next county council meeting on Saturday, May 13th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Committee/Other Reports

1. **All Star Ambassadors Report**—They are moving forward on their community service projects. They will all be helping at Area Field Day.

2. **I&R Report Noel Keller** nkeller91711@gmail.com 909-621-2373 – home 909-957-6498 – cell

2. **2016 State Record Book Judging** Four LA senior members completed the required online record book course and submitted their records in the state competition for the 2015-2016 4-H program year. We congratulate the following for their accomplishments: Dakotah Gordon – Medalist Julia Brown – Merit Liliana Brown – Merit Kiran Ekanayake – Merit
3. **LA County Judging Day results** LA County Judging Day was held on February 25. The Judging Day award results were published in the March issue of Clover Notes.
4. **Field Day results** The results of the County Field Day and Fashion Revue held on March 11 will appear in the April issue of Clover Notes. Depending on when the issue comes out, the LA County results from the Southern Area Field Day and Fashion to be held on April 1 will also appear.
5. **2016-2017 Officer Book forms** The forms and information for the 2017 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 be 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.
6. **All-Star Ambassador Program** LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador is the highest county rank a member can earn. The applications for 2017-2018 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador were due February 17, 2017. We were disappointed that no applications were received, so there will be no new LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors next year. At this time we do expect, however, to have four continuing Ambassadors participating in

the LA County 4-H program next year. At this time, three of our All Star Ambassadors are working on completing their required All Star Ambassador projects by May 1.

7. **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 Friend of 4-H nominations to the County council by the council meeting in March. Today we will be voting on the nominations submitted.
8. **Reminder** – Please be sure that your club members are using the correct 2016-2017 Record Books forms for their records this year. At this time, expect that the record book competitions at the county and state levels will be much the same as last year.
9. **District Representation on the County I&R Committee** We are pleased to remind you that all districts have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee now. The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Peter Michel and Dee Keese from SSG, Carrie DeYoung and Amy Lockmann from SFV and Dannon Shaughnessy and Laura Shannon from AV. The committee has had success holding its meetings by conference call. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30pm. Our meeting will include discussions on the entry evaluation process in general and for County Field Day, County Fashion Revue and the County Record Book Competition. Please call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns.
10. **Shooting Sports Chair--** Dee Keese -- 2017 National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute will be held July 25-29, 2017 at the University of Florida. It is open to enrolled 4-H Shooting Sports members. They must be 15 years of age by Jan. 1, 2017. Link: on the state website.
11. **County Food Fair**, AV, March 4, 2017, It went well. It was the biggest one they have had in years. Great cakes and table settings were presented.
12. **County Fashion Revue** –Melinda Kasperson. We had 4 county winners who are going on to Area and well as several more gold medals as alternates.
13. **County Field Day**— report by Noel The LA County Field Day and Fashion Revue was held on Saturday, March 11 at Mt. SAC. NSG district wants to thank all those leaders, parents, youth and 4-H friends who helped make the event a success. Members from seven LA County 4-H clubs competed during the event. The award results will be printed in the April issue of Clover Notes.
14. **County Science Fair** –We had a nice display at County Field day.
15. **Healthy Living**—Kaylin Kwan is working on it for next month.
16. **Summer Camp**— June 18—24. Everything is up on the web site. Staff applications are due now. Interviews are April 1 at Area Field Day.
17. **Jr All Stars project report**—Dee Keese—They are doing great. They really helped at County Field Day and with the primary room at Judging Day.
18. **Area Council Meeting**—Xavier Cruz and Noel Keller participated. Xavier will report as soon as he gets more information.

20. California 4-H Management Board and Southern Area – Noel Keller The California 4-H Management Board (MB) is still in the organizing process. They are working on a two-year plan for 2017-2019. John Trammell is the Southern Area Director of the Management Board. Noel Keller from the Pomona Valley 4-H Club is the adult LA County representative to the MB's Southern Area Program Development Committee. Xavier Cruz from Macy 4-H Club is the youth representative to the Committee. Both attended the last Committee meeting on Jan. 14th. Please let Noel or Xavier know any information that you want passed on to the Southern Area committee or if you have any questions

about the Southern Area. Let us also know about any ideas you might have for new exciting events for our southern California members and leaders.

Upcoming Southern Area events, include: Southern Area Field Day and Fashion Revue – April 1, 2017 at Mt. SAC. Southern Area Leaders’ Retreat – April 7-9, 2017 at Big Bear Lake. Southern Area Horse Classic – TBA Please let Noel know if you would like to help on any of these planning committees. Most of the meetings will probably be held as conference calls.

All Area events are to be open to all 4-H members in the state. There will be some early registration open to local members to any event, so please watch carefully for registration deadlines.

Please watch for details about the other Southern Area events coming up this year. Encourage your club members and leaders to participate in these events. There is no Southern Area website for information. Information and contact links about Southern Area events can be found on the state website calendar. Please contact Noel or Xavier if you have questions about Southern Area events.

21. Southern Area Field Day – April 1, 2017 Report by Noel Keller The Southern Area (formerly called South Sectional) 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, April 1st. 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 an area event in our own county. You can watch the competitions, participate in the judging contests for plants, entomology and general areas, try impromptu speaking, network with leaders and members from other counties and/or watch the fashion revue and the share the fun performances. Save the day! Plan to attend.

We are still looking for a few people to be Room Hosts for this event. Contact Noel Keller if you want to volunteer.

Contact Noel (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you have any questions about this event.

22. Southern Area Leaders’ Retreat 2017 at The Lodge at Big Bear Lake – April 7-9

Report by Noel Keller

Looking for some new ideas for 4-H activities? Want to meet leaders from all over Southern California? Here is an opportunity for 4-H volunteers to expand their skills thorough educational workshops, guest speakers, networking and more. The retreat will be held at The Lodge at Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains on the weekend of **April 7-9, 2017**. Julie Kelley of San Bernardino County is the event chair. For more information see the event page on the state website. Registration is still open. Don’t miss this opportunity to network with other 4-H leaders, learn some new skills and share your 4-H experiences in the beautiful setting of Big Bear Lake. Registration is now open.

23. Leader’s Appreciation Event—SSG, April 29, 2017, This will be held at Dee’s house this year. It is at 11:30. RSVP by April 20th.

Old Business

1. We voted on Money for Kansas Exchange (July 6-12) for Macy and PVP 4-H Clubs, \$575 each. Motion by Peter and seconded by Laura. Voted on and passed.
2. Friends of 4-H –nominated Keese and Steinberg Law Firm. Motion by Noel , seconded by Laura voted on and passed.

New Business

1. Changes to the council’s Constitution and By Laws—Tabled, Marjorie Rodrigues not present.

2. Discussion of dates for 2017-2018 calendar A draft of the 2017-18 calendar will be put up on the web site review and discussion.
3. Discussions of Nominations for 2017-18 Council Officers Nominations: 2nd Vice Pres.Youth—Katherine Shannon; Sec.—Judylynn Pelling; Treas.—Mary Lash/Joanna Stewart; Ag. Chair—Katherine Shannon; Science Chair—Greg Yunkers; Home Ec. Chair—Melinda Kasperson; Shooting Sports Chair—Dee Keese; Tec. Chair—Xavier Cruz; Incentives & Recog. Chair—Noel Keller; Healthy Living Chair—Kaylin Kwan; Parliamentarian/Policy Sec.—Peter Michel. More nominations can be made. Voting will be at next meeting.
4. Discussion of 2017-18 Council Budget. Send suggestions to Mary Lash.
5. Mike moved that we set up a committee to define council officer and chair job descriptions position. Seconded by Laura. Voted on and passed. The following volunteered to be on the committee: Dee, Keran, Laura, Amy, Peter and Noel.
6. Friends of 4-H nomination from Macey 4-H is Mark Bayaua. Peter moved we accept him, seconded by Noel. Voted on and passed.

Announcements

1. Southern Area Field Day and Fashion Review—April 1, 2017 at Mt. SAC
2. Southern Area Leaders Retreat—April 7-9 at Big Bear Lake
3. Leaders Luncheon—April 29, 11:30 am at Dee Keese's home

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00- pm.

Next County Council meeting is May 13, 2017, NSG at Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

Members attending were Dee Keese, Amy Lockman, Judylynn Pelling, Peter Michel, Noel Keller, Laura and Katherine Shannon, Amy and Maddy Lockmann, Tierna D"Arcy, Michael Lopez.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, secretary