

## **Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders Council**

Saturday, May 13, 2017 Hosted by North San Gabriel District

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

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

Flag salute and 4-H pledge was led by Kaitlyn Hanlon.

**President's report**—Dee Keese welcomed everyone and thanked Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling giving them gifts for helping her during her two years as president. Then everyone introduced themselves and told their club and district. (If you sign up for a job, make sure you attend the meetings and participate.)

**Approval of agenda**—motion by Peter, seconded by Teresa. Voted on and passed.

**Minutes from the March 25 meeting**—Peter moved we approve them as printed, seconded by Isabel. Voted on and passed.

**Correspondence to Council**—none

**Presentation**-- Grant Alaniz, from Eagle Rock-Highland Park, told about his Aviation/ rocketry project and helped everyone make a simple glider. Kaitlyn's glider went the farthest. Kaitlyn Hanlon, from Pomona Valley, gave a demonstration on making snowflakes. She had everyone make one.

**Vice President's report**—Noel Keller - Thank you for joining us today for this very important county council meeting where we will be planning the 2017-2018 LA County 4-H program year. Today we will be evaluating what went well during the year, 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 our youth. We will be discussing and approving the 2017-18 LA County 4-H Calendar, council budget and council officers.

In the past years, we have had voting representatives from LA County Council to the South Section 4-H Leaders' Council. Under the new California 4-H Management Board system, which we began on July 1, 2016, there is no longer a South Section Council. Under the new state 4-H system, the Southern Area Program Development committee now plans events for the Southern Area. Each of the 7 counties of Southern Area needs to have two representatives on the Southern Area Program Development Committee (one adult and one youth). Noel Keller is the current adult representative. Xavier Cruz is the youth. Since the term for the youth representative is only one year, applications are now being taken for the LA County youth representative position. We need to have these two LA County representatives on this Southern Area Program Development Committee, which will help plan the area events and opportunities for our members. Under the program development committee there will be separate event committees, so these two LA County representatives are not necessarily involved in the actual planning and/or running the events, just helping to decide what the Area needs are and what events should be held. In addition to the Program Development Committee, there are other state committee opportunities available on the state management board and the state 4-H advisory committees. Applications and job descriptions for these committee positions are available on the state 4-H website and are due by May 31, 2017. Please consider applying for these positions. LA County 4-H needs to be represented.

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 this meeting today. We need to have a quorum at our meetings so we can conduct the council business and members can vote. Please take the information that you gain today back to your clubs and encourage others to attend future meetings.

As we work on our calendar of events, council budget and council officers 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 2017-2018 LA County 4-H program a great 4-H year for our members!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report**—Kiran Ekanayake --none

**Treasurers' Report**— Sent by Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart. Peter moved and Isabel seconded that we approve the report. Voted on, passed.

**County Office report**—none

**District Reports:** 1. **AV**— The Emerald Star Project by Dakotah Gordon is about basic record book training. All Star Ambassadors Holly Whipple and Katherine Shannon put on an introductory junior leader training. 2. **SSG**— We just had the San Gabriel Valley 4H Fair. It was very successful. 3. **SFV**—no report 4. **NSG**—report by Noel Keller NSG district helped organize and run the SGV 4-H Fair in Chino on April 21-22. The NSG district is hosting the county council meeting today. Some of our members are looking forward to attending SLC this summer. We will be electing our new district council officers at our next meeting.

**Committee/Other Reports:**

**1. All Star Ambassadors Report**—Katherine Shannon and Holly Whipple are proceeding to work on their All Star Ambassador project, "Cookies for Cops." This project will show support to local law enforcement stations (LAPD, CHP, Lancaster sheriff's station, and Palmdale Sheriff's Station) through store-bought cookies, milk donations, and 4-H member thank-you cards. We will be receiving 4-H club thank-you cards up to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Cards can be sent to 2547 W. Ave.0-8. Palmdale, Ca 93551, or we can work out picking them up through AV District/ LA County office through Charlene Moore. All support and donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**2. County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report** by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com), 909-621-2373 – home, 909-957-6498 – cell

**REMINDER - Record Book Manual 2016-2017 and forms**

Encourage your club members to complete a 4-H record book this year. Being organized and keeping records are life skills. Consider offering incentives to club members who complete a record book.

We have stated that Record Book Manual 2016-2017 is the only record book 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 2016-2017 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)).

**Record Book Workshop**

Today we held a Record Book Workshop before this meeting. We encourage clubs and districts to also offer record book workshops this year to emphasize using the new manual, the new guidelines, the new forms and the new evaluating of record books.

**2016-2017 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day**

The forms and information for the 2017 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. County Record Book Judging will be done much the same as it has been in past year. Record Books are due to LA or AV office by 4pm on Tuesday, Sept. 12 or on Wednesday, Sept. 13 to a member of the county

I&R committee by 9pm. Record Book judging will occur on Sept. 16 and 23. If a club has at least one record book submitted for the county record book competition, the club must provide at least one evaluator (judge) on one of the judging days. Please notify Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)) by Sept. 14 who will be the evaluator (judge) from your club. Be sure all record book forms are signed properly. Be sure to use the correct forms and follow the new guidelines. The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, September 30.

### **State Record Book Competition 2017 Important Dates:**

From the State I&R Advisory Committee This is important information for Senior 4-H members.

June 30<sup>th</sup>: Members must complete an Intent to Submit Form to their county office if they are planning to or thinking about submitting their book to State Competition. Completing this form does not obligate the member to submit, rather it is intended to alert county volunteers and staff working with record books so that they might be prepared to provide support to members.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: State Record Book Evaluators (judges) applications are due.

October 27<sup>th</sup>: Record Books for State Competition must ARRIVE to State Office.

**All Star Ambassador program** There were no All Star Ambassador applicants this year. The I&R committee decided that making the All Star Ambassadors more visible during the program year might encourage more applicants next year. We suggest that the All Stars should have some attractive “uniform” (jacket, sweater, t-shirt – something that the current All Star Ambassadors could choose), and should start wearing this when their first All Star year begins (not waiting until they finish their All Star requirements). We suggest that there be two All Star Ambassador advisors. We encourage the All Stars to have planning meetings during the year. We want to encourage the All Stars to attend SLC during the summer and suggest that the county council pay part or all of their SLC registration fees.

### **2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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, 2017 or entered online. For more information, see:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory\\_Committees/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/)

### **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.

### **District Representation on the County I&R Committee**

This is the time when district councils are electing their new officers for the next program year. 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. Please arrange to have your district represented on this important county committee.

The next scheduled county I & R committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30pm as a conference call. Call your I & R district representatives with your incentives, recognition and awards comments, suggestions and concerns.

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 2016-2017, the LA County 4-H Clover Notes newsletter, the county office, the state CA 4-H Newsletter, and/or members of the County Incentives and Recognition (I&R) Committee (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Amy Lockmann, Laura Shannon, Dannon Shaughnessy, Dee Keese and Peter Michel).

3. **Shooting Sports Chair** - Dee Keese – There is a 200 non-registered target youth trap shoot at the Kingsburg Gun Club on June 17. All youth that are part of an organized shooting program are invited to attend. Contact Kathleen Lynch at 209-267-0779.
  4. **Southern Area Fashion Revue** –Melinda Kasperson. Three of our county winners won at area. All four of our county winners are going to the state Fashion Revue .
  5. **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 was held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The LA County member results from Area Field Day and Fashion Revue were listed in the May issue of Clover Notes. We thank everyone who helped at the event. LA County was well represented with evaluators, room hosts and activity coordinators. We enjoyed using the new huge auditorium for our afternoon program. Those who wanted to continue on to compete at State Field Day on May 27<sup>th</sup> needed to register online by yesterday. We have not heard yet if LA County needs to have more evaluators and room hosts register for the event.
  6. **Leaders recognition Luncheon**—Dee Keese—About 25 leaders attended. We had people from all different areas and everyone enjoyed learning about other clubs and programs. The food was excellent and the weather was perfect.
  7. **Healthy Living**—Kaylin Kwan, no report
  8. **Summer Camp**— June 18—24. Early bird registration has been extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>. 83 members are signed up at the present time, plus 40 staff and ten chaperones. A lot of fun activities are planned.
  9. **Jr All Stars project report**—Dee Keese has been doing it for 10 years. She is interested in passing the Job on to a new leader. She has lots of materials to pass on. Please call her if you are interested.
10. **California 4-H Management Board and Southern Area** report by 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. 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. Please let Noel know if you would like to help on any of the area 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. 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.
11. **Southern Area Leaders' Retreat 2017 at The Lodge at Big Bear Lake – April 7-9** Report by Noel Keller - The retreat was held at The Lodge at Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains on the weekend of April 7-9, 2017. Noel Keller attended the retreat. This was a great 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. The attendance was small, but those who attended enjoyed the weekend.

## Old Business

1. Changes to LA County Council's Constitution and Bylaws—Marjorie Rodriguez Tabled as Marjorie is on vacation.
2. Vote on officers for 2017-2018. (nominations: President: Peter Michel, Vice Pres.—Noel Keller; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Youth—Katherine Shannon; Sec.—Judylynn Pelling; Treas.—Mary Lash/Joanna Stewart; Ag. Chair—youth Katherine Shannon; Science Chair—Greg Yunkers; Home Ec. Chair—Melinda Kasperson; Shooting Sports Chair—Dee Keese; Tech. Chair—youth Xavier Cruz, Leader Support—Laura Shannon) Judylynn moved we accept the slate by acclamation. Seconded by Laura Shannon. Voted on and passed. Congratulations to our new officers.

### **New Business**

1. Vote on dates for 2017-2018 calendar year: Peter moved and Laura seconded the motion. Voted on and approved.
2. Vote on County Budget for 2017-2018: Peter moved and Laura seconded that we approve the budget with an increase of All Star Ambassadors budget to \$1,000. Passed.
3. Peter moved, Isabel seconded that we pay \$500 each for 2 All Stars to attend State Leadership Conference. On the budget \$600 from line 21, and \$400 on line 22. Voted on and passed.

### **Announcements**

1. Senior Record Book Letter of Intent due to County Office by June 30th
2. Register for State Field Day competition by 3pm on May 12
3. Register for State Leadership Conference by May 18<sup>th</sup> for regular registration
4. Apply for State Advisory Committees by May 31<sup>st</sup>
5. Apply for Youth LA representative to Southern Area Program Development Committee by May 31<sup>st</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Next County Council meeting is Sept. 30, 2017.

Members attending were Dee Keese, Judylynn Pelling, Peter Michel, Noel Keller, Laura and Katherine Shannon, Kaitlyn and Cindy Hanlon, Teresa Fint, Grant and Isabel Alaniz, Niki, Kenneth and Marika Yunker.