

Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders Council

Saturday, January 20, 2018 South San Gabriel District,
Macy 4-H Club, Macy Intermediate School, 2101 South Lupine Ave. , Monterey Park, CA

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Peter Michel.

Flag salute was led by Mike Lopez and 4-H pledge was led by Marjorie Rodriguez.

Agenda - Motion to approve by Noel, seconded by Laura. Voted on and passed.

Minutes from the September 30th- meeting - Noel moved we approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Laura Shannon. Voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve by Judylynn Pelling. Seconded by Mike. Voted on and passed. A request was made for a clarification on the council paying enrollment fees for members.

Correspondence to Council—Noel has started a new thank you notes book. She received some hand make ones.

Vice-President's Report - At our county council meeting in May, we approved the 2017-2018 LA County 4-H Calendar. Since then, there have been some date changes and additions. Look at the 2017-2018 LA County 4-H calendar on the county 4-H website for the most current dates. Notable changes and additions include the following:

NSG Monte Farmer's Fair – **changed to Feb. 10** from Feb. 3

NSG district Home EC and Field Day – **changed to March 10** from March 11

Southern Area Fashion Revue – **canceled April 17** (now only fashion workshops that day)

State Field Day – **changed to June 2** from May 26

Record Books and Officer Books due for County Record Book Competition –

Changed to Sept. 11 & 12 from Sept. 4 & 5, 2018

Today as Vice-President I am putting out the call for the event dates, council officer nominations and council budget adjustments for the LA County 4-H 2018-2019 program year. The dates, nominations and budget adjustments will be discussed at our March council meeting and then 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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. Senior youth are permitted to hold many of the council positions or share the position with another person. 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.

To stay informed about what is happening in 4-H, please read the county 4-H newsletter Clover Notes and the state 4-H newsletter CA 4-H Newsletter each month. Please read the minutes of our county council meetings. Please look at the LA County 4-H Calendar. Most of these items are on the LA County 4-H website.

Presentation-- At the end of the meeting Mike Lopez gave everyone a tour of the Macy Club garden and talked about their accomplishments and future plans. It is very impressive.

2nd Vice President's report—National 4-H 2018 Youth Art Calendar. Katherine Shannon's painting of her goats make the calendar for March. It was picked out of over 4,000 entries. The Calendar can be purchased from the 4-H site at www.Shop4-H.org.

County Office report. All leaders must do the leader training by February 28, or they will be dropped as leaders. Dawn is having a new leader training on January 25 at Dawn's office at 10am.

District Reports: 1. **AV**—The awards day in AV was a great success. They are getting ready for the Livestock Symposium. The horse project is up and planning a state qualifying event. Shooting sports have a competition shoot on Feb. 3rd. 2. **SSG**—They are working for SGV Fair and planning Judging Day at Mt. SAC. 3. **SFV**—no one present 4. **NSG**—report by Noel Keller The NSG 4-H district had a successful Achievement Day event in October. The theme of Scary Cakes was a success for our cake walk to raise a little money for the district. We are now preparing for our district Monte Farmer's Fair to be held on Saturday February 10 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in LA, our NSG Home Ec and Field Day to be held on Saturday, March 10th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and LA County Field Day to be held Saturday, March 24 at Mt. SAC. North district was greatly saddened by the sudden, unexpected loss of one of our dedicated club leaders, Debbie Treadwell. She was a generous, caring, devoted leader who was active at the project, club, district and county levels. She will be missed.

Committee/Other Reports: 1. All Star Ambassadors Report—Marjorie Rodriguez: they are leading the Jr. Leader Conference today--Kiran Ekanayake and Katherine Shannon. They will be helping with the Judging Day.

L.A County 2018-2019 All Star Ambassador application due –Feb. 16, 2018. Please contact those interested, and let Charlene know.

2. County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report by Noel Keller, County I&R Committee Chair
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County Awards Day 2017 The County Awards Day for the 2016-2017 program year was held on Saturday, Sept. 30, after the last LA County Council meeting. The awards presented at this event were listed in the October Clover Notes.

2017 State Record Book Judging Five LA County senior members submitted their records in the state competition for the 2016-2017 4-H program year. Noel Keller from LA County was selected to be an evaluator for the 2017 state record book competition. The results of the competition are to be announced probably next month. The evaluating is still going on. There was a delay in starting the evaluation process.

2017 4-H Graduates 2017 4-H Graduate pins and certificates were given out at district Achievement events in the fall. A 4-H graduate who was in 4-H for at least three years is eligible to receive an engraved 4-H graduate pin. Please contact Charlene Moore if one of your 2017 4-H graduates did not receive an engraved pin.

Record Book Manual for 2017-2018 The state 4-H office released a 2017-2018 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 (2017-2018). A second manual California 4-H Record Book Forms 2017-2018 contains the forms to use with the first 2017-2018 manual. Please use these forms for your records this year. Across the top of each form is the phrase "California 4-H Record Book 2017-2018". **DO NOT USE FORMS FROM PRIOR 4-H RECORD BOOK MANUALS.** A third record book manual for leaders is also available. We have these manuals on the county website.

The 2018 LA County Record Book ID form and information are located on the county website now. Encourage your members to complete a record book for this year. Remind them to work on their records during the year and not wait until the end of the year to do all the recording.

If you have questions, contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

2017-2018 Officer Book forms The forms and information for the 2018 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.

All-Star Ambassador Program LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador is the highest county rank a member can earn. The applications for 2018-2019 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassador are due February 16, 2018. The application form is available on the county 4-H website. The interviews for the applicants will occur on February 24 at County Judging Day. The announcement of the new 2018-19 LA County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors will be made at County Field Day on March 24. This will allow the new All-Star Ambassadors time to plan their program for 2018-19 before the program year starts on July 1, 2018.

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 at its next council meeting in March. Up to five such awards can be made for a year by the county council. The awards are presented at the Leaders' Appreciation Luncheon if the recipient can attend or at a special occasion arranged by the district nominating the recipient. Friend of 4-H nomination forms are available on the county website and should be submitted to the council President Peter Michel by March 17 to pvp4hclub@gmail.com.

District Representation on the County I&R Committee Each 4-H district is encouraged to 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, Amy Lockmann from SFV and Dannon Shaughnessy and Laura Shannon from AV. We still need one more representative from the SFV district. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be a conference call on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30pm. Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns.

3. ***Livestock Symposium*** -- AV --Jan. 27, 2018. *The flyers are out. The speakers are set.* There will be new exciting speakers this year. There is a great section on dog obedience. There is also a section on horseback riding. There will be a very good veterinarian there.
4. **County Judging Day** --SSG--Feb. 24, 2018 At Mt. SAC. Charlene brought poster boards for the different categories. She explained how to make new boards. If the old portfolios are falling apart, leaders may buy new ones and turn in the receipt for reimbursement.
5. **County Food Fair** -- Av. March 3, Theme is "Made in America" They are adding a category for food preservation. The packet will be out next week. Members will cut and serve their food item in front of the judges. Entry forms due Friday Feb. 23.
6. **County Fashion Revue** --March 24, 2018, at Mt. SAC --Melinda Kasperson. Youth must qualify at District for the County Fashion Revue. County winners can go to state. Area will only have a fashion workshop. The State packet is out, check the county website for the forms and contests.

7, **LA County Field Day** report by Noel Keller The LA County Field Day and Fashion Revue is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 24 at Mt. SAC. NSG district will be planning this event. The state requires that we use the new 2016 Presentation Manual (version October 2016) for the event. Only evaluators

will be allowed to ask questions after presentations. The entry limits set by the county council last spring will be implemented.

NSG district is working on creating the 2018 LA County Field Day event packet, which will be emailed out to clubs and on the county website by the beginning of February. Entry categories for 2018 LA County Field Day will be basically be the same as last year, except the Entry By Video will return to its original form with just prepared speeches and demonstrations being eligible for the category. Please look over the Event packet carefully and contact Noel Keller if you have questions. Entry forms for this event will be due to Noel Keller by **March 12**. Our LA County Field Day event packet will coordinate with the Area and State Field Day event information.

Southern Area Field Day will be occurring on Saturday, **April 17** at Mt. SAC. Entries for this event are due by **March 29**. By **April 9** the County must submit its entries and evaluator and room host names. Please volunteer to help evaluate (judge) or room host for this event. There will be no entry fees to enter Area Field Day this year.

7. **County Science Fair**—Greg Yunker, not present, no report
8. **Healthy Living**—Kayla Kwan, We are planning a healthy living summit at during the next county council meeting on March 17th at Galpin Ford in San Fernando.
9. **Summer Camp**— Peter Michel reported the date is June 17 to June 23. Interviews for staff are at County Field Day. March 11 is the next camp committee meeting. Campership applications due May 1st.
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.

John Trammell is still 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. Katherine Shannon from Quartz Hill 4-H Club is the youth representative to the Committee. We are the voting members for LA County 4-H. The Southern Area Program Development Committee is meeting today at the same time as this meeting. What does LA County 4-H need from the Southern Area Program Development Committee? Please let Noel or Katherine 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.

The Southern Area Youth Conference was held at Pathfinder Ranch on Jan. 12-14 and was a big success. This event will be held next year and will be open only to youth 11-13 years old. Senior 4-Hers will do the event planning.

Upcoming Area events include:

Southern Area Field Day – Saturday, April 17, 2018 at Mt. SAC. Please let Noel know if you would like to help on the planning committee. There will be no Area level Fashion Revue this year, just fashion revue related workshops. A planning meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4 at 10am at Oak Glen Preserve.

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 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 Katherine if you have questions about Southern Area events

11. **WRLF – March 1-4, 2018 in San Diego** The Western Regional Leaders' Forum is being held March 1-4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. This is a great event for leaders to learn new skills and

network with other leaders from the 13 western states. Early bird registration has been extended to **Jan. 28** with a registration fee of \$495 if you stay at the Crowne Plaza or \$895 if you do not. Lodging at the Crowne Plaza is \$134+/night with up to 4 people allowed in a room. Several special tours are available before the conference. Check the conference website for tour, schedule, educational session and lodging information. Partial council funding is available for those who apply.

12. Leaders Recognition Luncheon—SFV no report

13. 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Shotgun Discipline Bakersfield, CA – Kern County

Saturday, April 14, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the shotgun discipline will be held at the Five Dogs Range (www.5dogsrangle.com/) 20238 Woody Road outside of Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a project leader and can lead a 4-H shotgun shooting sports project. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home.

Lodging is available in Bakersfield just 21 miles from the range, at Hwy 65 and Merle Haggard Drive. Contact Tammy Lindley below for more information.

The cost for the course is \$40 and includes all training materials, ammunition, targets, water, coffee, and range fees.

You will need to bring the following items with you: a sack lunch or \$10 for a hot dog lunch at the range, and eye & ear protection, and a 12 or 20 gauge shotgun. To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf> with an adult <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf> or youth 4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf 4-H medical release form and a \$40 check payable to “Glennville 4-H” and mail to PO Box 335, Glennville CA, 93226. Registration is due February 15th, before your class (10 days prior), and space is limited to 6 attendees. For more information, contact Tammy Lindley at 661-301-7094 or email: tammylindley@icloud.com

Old Business 1. Laura moved and Isabel seconded that we approve the new rotation chart for districts helping with county events. Voted on and passed

2. Roy needs help getting information in a timely manner for the web site and clover notes. **LA County 4-H Website and Clover Notes** report by Noel Keller Good, accurate communication is important. The county 4-H website and the county newsletter Clover Notes should be the most current sources of information for LA County 4-H opportunities and activities. Both look for 4-H information and provide 4-H information. Please email Roy Hillstock in the county office your articles for Clover Notes at least a week before the Clover Notes issue is to come out. Share what your club is doing. Have members write articles about club and county activities. Event committees and council officers should provide accurate and timely information for the county website, which Roy also maintains. Make the county website and newsletter a valuable source of 4-H information for our members, leaders and parents.

Roy has many responsibilities in the 4-H office. He needs some advance notice about putting information on the county website and in the county newsletter. Please don't wait until the last minute to send him your information. We are currently working on getting the county website more update to date. Please let Roy or Noel know if information is missing, incomplete or not accurate on the website. The 2017-2018 LA County 4-H Calendar is currently not up-to-date, but hopefully that will be corrected next week. In the meantime, please note the date changes for the 2016-2017 calendar that were mentioned in the Vice-President report today.

Even with the county website and newsletter, some clubs, members and leaders don't seem to be getting current 4-H information. Perhaps we need to try some alternate communication methods. Please contact Noel (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you have some suggestions for different ways to communicate county 4-H information.

3. Elect county council officers for vacant positions. We need a county representative for the Area Field Day. Charlene suggested we make a flyer listing the job requirements asking for a volunteer.
4. Updates to the 2017-18 LA County 4-H Calendar: See Vice President's report
5. Changes to Council's Constitution and by-laws—Marjorie Rodriguez There are difficulties in changing our present system. We have a district system which makes any changes difficult. Noel has the change information and will pass it on to Marjorie.

New Business

1. Friends of 4H district nominations due next meeting, See I&R Report.
2. First Call for dates for 2018-19 LA County 4-H Calendar, See Vice-Pres. report
3. First call for nominations for LA County Council Officers for 2018-19, See Vice-Pres. report
4. First call for input for the LA County Council Budget for 2018-19, See Vice-Pres. report

Announcements

1. All Star Ambassador Applications-Feb. 16, 2018
2. Emerald Star Applications – available on County Website
3. 2017-2018 4-H record book forms available on County Website
4. Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF)-San Diego- March 1-4, 2018
5. LA County Healthy Living Summit-March 17, 2018, same location as County Council Meeting
6. Southern Area Field Day –Mt. SAC April 21, 2018

Next County Council meeting is March 17, 2018 Hosted by SFV

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted, Judylynn Pelling, Secretary

Members attending were Judylynn Pelling, Peter Michel, Noel Keller, Laura Aranan, Michael Lopez, Isabel Alaniz, Marjorie Rodriguez, Laura Shannon, Charlene Moore. All four districts were represented. A quorum was present.