

## **Orange County 4-H Council Meeting - August 23, 2016 - SCREC - 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Mary Gamboa-TT, Beth Jesch-OABB, Sheila Smith-LFS, Sandy Jacobs-FVC, Rachel Chisnall-FVC, Youth Representative-Sheyla Jacobs-FVC, Jan Tubbiola-JJ, Mark Beckman-MGG, Heather Kline-Tri-City, Maddie Kline-Tri-City, Luis Martinez-OVB, Araceli Hernandez-4-H Staff, President-Janet Chomppf-FVC, Recording Secretary-Beverly Schrieber-MGG, Corresponding Secretary-Maryam Handley-LHH, Tom Weiland-LHH, Danica Loucks-Guest, Christian Redman-MGG, Judy Redman-MGG, Jamie Cartwright-OABB, Linda Cartwright-OABB, Karen Pascoe-FBS. Missing members were: Vice President-Shar Rice-CountyWide, Treasurer-Melissa Sara-OABB and Youth Representative-Brogan Stout-FVC, Jason Suppes-4-H Staff.

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President, Janet Chomppf, at 7:08 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance / 4-H Pledge:** Our pledges were led by Sheyla Jacobs.

**Minutes:** A **motion** to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2016 meeting was made by Beth Jesch, seconded by Luis Martinez and passed.

**Treasurer Report:** None.

**President's Report:** Janet welcomed everyone to our first meeting of this year. We will get the Treasurer's Report next month. Janet introduced the officers.

**Club Reports:** Each meeting - each club shares what they are working on.

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales:** Sheyla Jacobs reported that club members went to the Orange County Fair. Sheyla entered her dress. Avery Beck entered a cushy doll and a Harry Potter Collection. Her brother, Garrett Beck, entered his Lego collection. We also entered our goats. Our next meeting will be next Tuesday. We have 5 new projects this year. Sandy Jacobs said that they will be doing GeoCaching this year and they plan to Cross Club with the MGG Woodworking project. You come to ours and we will come to yours. Other projects will be Primary, Arts and Crafts, Dog Training, Mini horse, Mini Gardens, and possibly Gardening

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders:** Karen Pascoe said that they will host their annual Corn Boil on September 10th.

**Jordan Jaquars:** Jan Tubbiola said that this year they did something different for Fair entries. Instead of having them all make the same thing, Jan sent a list to the teachers and said that they should pick what they want their group to enter. They entered pinwheels, decorated jars, placemats and picture frames. There were 38 entries.

**La Habra Hilltoppers:** Tom Weiland reported that their registration is in September. Over the Labor Day Weekend, the Dairy kids will be doing a show at the Norco Fair.

**Lake Forest Superstars:** Sheila Smith said that their first meeting will be on Sept. 6. They will be helping with the City of Lake Forest on Sept 17th with an outreach and on Sept. 24th the club will be assisting the Cruising for a Cure for Prostate Cancer. They will help at the T-Shirt booth and the registration office in the Hanger. They are expecting 3500 people at the Orange County Fairgrounds. All funds that are raised go directly to the City of Hope.

**Mesa Goathill Go-Getters:** Christian Redman reported that the first picnic/meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 17th at Wakeham Park in Costa Mesa. Enrollment is slow. We have 5 leaders, 7 members and 2 parents so far. Beverly said that Suzanne talks to everyone about everything and gets people to volunteer. We will have a new Juggling Project and an American Sign Language Project. Last year some

new projects were Arduino, Astronomy, Photography, Teen Activities, Woodworking and many other projects. Scratch, a Computer Language Project, will be added too.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers:** Beth Jesch told that their club will have orientation on Aug. 24th. There have been 12 families RSVPs come back. Six did not respond. Two said "no". The Kick-Off event is on Aug. 28th. Meetings begin in September. Most projects begin in late Sept and early October and following.

**Orange Villa Buckaroos:** Luis Martinez reported that they are still trying to pull everything together. There have been a lot of graduations and older folks have left. They are pulling the board together. They have 3 projects, Community Service (Kids in Kindness) Project, Scrapbooking and tentatively Horses. The first meeting will be on Sept. 19th. Beth Jesch said that she would get Luis in contact with their horse leader and maybe they can have a Horse-less project. They are still at the Duck Club on the 3rd Monday of the month. Janet reminded everyone that members may Cross Club when available.

**Trabuca Trailblazers:** Mary Gamboa said that their registration is Sunday. Someone will continue Fashion Revue and possibly an auto project. Many families are returning. Mary asked about the horseless project. Beth Jesch answered that the members learned about the breeds, diseases and care of the horses. They will work with the animals but not ride them.

**Tri-Cities 4-H Club:** Maggie Kline said that their first meeting will be week in September. Registration will be after that. They have 23 new families that are coming. They are working on projects and getting our leaders. Meetings will be in October. The Dairy project will be showing at Norco Fair too.

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf:** None

**DSAPC Super Kids:** None

**County 4-H Program Representative:** Jason Suppes said that on Oct. 8th the National Youth Science Day Event will be led by **Bianca Wanamaker** from Trabuco Club. This will be a County Wide Project. Aracali and Jason have been working on ironing out the details. Maybe some trainings will also happen that day. Also a Drone Discovery Project will be on Oct. 8th at SCREC. There will be a game using gliders for kids. More information will be coming about this. This may be a question for the I & R Committee. Jason wanted to discuss the idea that this project sounds like an Emerald Star Project. **Bianca** is doing planning and logistics (everything that goes into an Emerald Star Project.) The problem on our county guidelines for the Emerald Star Project - the member is to have already achieved the gold star in Record Books. There are other counties that do not have this rule. Jason visited other county sites to see what they are doing. There are a few who still require this but most of them do not. The Emerald Star is disconnected from Record Books. What these counties did was to require that the member had to have held an officer position, which would offer the opportunity to brush up on their leadership skills. Are we unnecessarily preventing kids from planning something like an Emerald Star Project by not having achieved a gold star? Beth Jesch said that kids come in at the age of 12 or 13 and do not have the time to achieve these stars. Jason said that there should be some requirements. New Leader Orientation process is being refined. This process is noted on our website. There is an entire page on what to do. There is a lot of at-home-study stuff that the state has utilized from Wisconsin in their training materials. We will schedule a couple of new leader orientations where Janet and Araceli will say a word or two and will last about half an hour each. Two people have already gone through this process. We do not have a fingerprinting date. If people get into the system, it all goes more quickly. The next fingerprinting date will probably be at our next county council on Sept. 27th at 7:30 p.m. There is now a calendar page on the OC 4-H

website. There are 2 calendars. The top calendar is a local Google calendar. The state office has now connected their systems with our systems so that all local events can be found on OC4h.org. You will be able to click and expand to view all events. Also take the time to go through and look at your club pages to make sure that your contact information is correct, that your meeting location and date is correct and that your projects are listed. If there is anything that you want to add or change, just let Jason know.

**Araceli Hernandez:** The other big thing that Jason wanted to do was to introduce Araceli Hernandez. Jason welcomed and introduced Araceli to us and asked her to tell us about her background. She came from 4-H in Merced County. She is originally from LA. She was with 4-H Merced for about 2 years and then she got this job for the Latino Initiative. She is a Program Representative, just like Jason. Her focus is to increase enrollment all over Orange County and particularly in the Hispanic Community. She will be able to help us with outreach and expansion. Prior to Araceli coming to us, she worked with bio-security and junk drawer robotics. She worked with Martin Smith. Right now she is working with a couple of non-profits, YMCA, Project Access, EFNEP and the Anaheim District. Just now 45 schools were added recently. She graduated from U C Merced. Jason said that because of what Araceli did with the Junk Drawer Robotics in the summer program, the YMCA of Anaheim, which serves 30,000 kids has now picked up this program as their main STEM offering. Jason and Araceli found a Unicamp which is for just about anyone. Right now the focus is Environmental. It's basically tailored to the kids. They are trying to get as many experts and volunteers to help with this. The beautiful thing is that it is in collaboration with UCLA. The volunteers come from UCLA. They are trained about 100 hours by UCLA before they get to the camp. So the staff is very well prepared. Jason and Araceli want to go visit the site. It is a completely different experience. Their cabins are literally outdoors. UCLA has been philanthropically involved with this camp for the past 80 years. It seems that if you are a UCLA student, this is something that you do. This crossed our path by a grant that was being worked up with Disney and they wanted to work with us. They are funded and can pay for some of the youth with whom Araceli works. They will be working with the California Nationalist Program, Project Learning Tree and with the San Bernardino and Riverside 4-H camps. This can be for Orange County youth as well as San Bernardino and Riverside 4-H youth. July 9th is when this started to take shape. Araceli said that she has Spanish materials to help clubs. She said that if we are having a particular event and would like to have a flyer in Spanish, just send her the information for translation. She has business cards with e-mail and phone # available. Karen Pascoe mentioned that many times people do not mark their ethnicity when enrolling. Jason said that they have noticed this in pre and post evaluative materials, especially with the kids. With Imagine Science, when the numbers came back and with all of these kids, the numbers did not look right. Kids, especially, 7 and 8 year olds, having a conversation about race and ethnicity goes over their heads. Araceli said that she would ask. Jason said that we, as volunteer leaders, may not make race and ethnicity assignments. It has to come from the family. It is a program issue. It is an education thing or a talk before the enrollment class to make sure that we get the information. .

**Teen Council:** Linda Cartwright said that teen council kids would like to come to club meetings to talk about applications for joining teen council and All Star and Ambassador. These will be coming out soon. All Star and Ambassador applications will be reviewed in November. More information will be coming. Achievement Award information will come soon. Sheyla would like to be a part of the teen council. Jason said that our by-laws state that we need 2 youth on our executive board. He would like to have them work with the All Stars and be a conduit between the teen council and the executive board. Linda

said that we will be reviewing the manual with the I & R committee. A committee to study this will consist of Linda Cartwright, Judy and Christian Redman, Christine Rosenow and the Slaters. Linda will send an e-mail to the club leaders soon.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Imaginology:** Beth Jesch reported that Imaginology went well. There are a few folders with certificates for winners of the top awards that may be taken to members. Remind the kids that they have already received their top awards from Imaginology for getting division winner or the yellow/gold ribbon. These certificates do not count as another top award in the Record Book.

**Fashion Revue:** Tom Weiland reported that there will be a workshop on September 25th from 9am-1pm in Tustin. This is an Upcycling Workshop. Register by Sept. 18th. The information is on our website.

**Leader's Banquet:** Beverly Schrieber said that in May the Leader's Banquet was very nicely attended. It was held at Christian and Judy's Presbyterian Church on Fairview across the street from Orange Coast College. The person who was honored for the Bob Cole Award was Cindy Davidsen. Christian Redman went to Los Angeles to interview our speaker for the evening. His name is Mr. OKelly. He was in 4-H when he was young. He now has a radio talk show on the weekends on KFI. He talked about how he got his start in radio. He had been the guest speaker at TIC. He pushed through and accomplished things that people said that he could never do as a 4-H kid. Linda Cartwright was the adult chair for this event. She got the youth involved. Jamie Cartwright, Christian Redman, Kevin Slater and Sheyla Jacobs did research to present some 4-H history. We were so proud of our youth. The food was delicious. The chocolate cake went quickly because it was so delicious. Christian Redman's great grandpa was in the original 4-H group. Maybe their speeches could be placed on our website. The table decorations were pretty. Jason reminded us that in 2018 we will be celebrating the 100th year (centennial) of 4-H in Orange County. We can be thinking about this.

**Record Books:** Beth and Tom said that information will come out later. Many books are going on to state. They are planning for next year.

**Section and State Reports:** Tom Weiland is our Orange County adult representative to the section. Christian Redman is our Orange County youth representative to the section. The next meeting will be on Sept. 18th at Mt. SAC and it is a closed meeting. Plans are being made for the Healthy Living Summit sometime in October. It may or may not be at Mt. SAC. This will be the first meeting under the new Management Board. There is a South Section Small Animal Field Day planned at Mt. SAC on Sept. 24th. Jason posted the information on our website. There is also a flyer at the back of the room. Encourage the kids to attend. There will be various speakers talking about animal projects. It is free and there are a lot of Give Aways. You will probably leave with something. They actually pay you. :-) It's a lot of fun.

#### **Old Business**

**Orange County Fair:** Janet was there every day.

**By-Law Revision:** Janet said that the state has a template for us to use. Ours is very close. There are only a couple things to change. There are a few people who already want to be on the committee. We can do this online side by side. We can discuss the changes and see if everyone agrees and do it like that. If you want to be on this committee, put your e-mail address on Janet's paper after the meeting. We will try to do this as quickly as possible.

#### **New Business:**

**New Leader Training:** Jason already talked about this.

**County Information Directory:** Janet said that several years ago Orange County had a listing of information on leaders for all of us to use. It was a resource list. It included phone #s and e-mails and listed people who had like interests (poultry, rabbits, arts and crafts). You could find someone who could help you with your favorite project. You could ask questions - share the wealth. Jason will be sending out a survey asking who would be interested in being on this directory. Be on the lookout for this. Let your project leaders know. Jason said that this is open to project leaders, not just community club leaders. You would be saying that you are proficient in your project (sewing, cake deco, etc.) and would be comfortable putting your information out there for others to see. Especially new leaders like to ask questions. We are doing this with Shelmarie and the poultry projects currently. We want to be able to communicate a little better.

**Announcements:** Danica Loucks is currently a graduate student at UC Irvine. She grew up doing 4-H in Montana and was a 4-H member for 11 years. She did assorted leader things too. Since moving here, she is hoping to get involved. She was in many projects. Her basic expertise are with archery, dog obedience and agility, dutch oven cooking, regular cooking, outdoor adventure, hiking and camping. We are very happy to have her and may be having county-wide projects or have her attach to the OVB club for now. Welcome, Danica!

Judy wanted to know when we will be passing the budget. Jason said that we now have the list of all of the event leaders and he will be sending out an e-mail and Jason has checks to give out tonight. Melissa is working on this and we hope to have a budget to vote on at the Sept. County Council. We are all set on the bank account. We are ahead of the game for this year. Jason said that there is a chair for each event except Presentation Day which Mary Gamboa will run. She needs someone to help her.

**Adjournment:** A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. was made by Tom Weiland, seconded by Luis Martinez and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Beverly Schrieber, Recording Secretary