

Kings County 4-H Council Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:00 PM- via Zoom

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Loretta Toledo, President at 6:07 p.m.
- ❖ The Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge were led by Trista Fry and Madison Thomas.
- ❖ The following members were present: Council Officers: President: Loretta Toledo, Kings Harvest; 2nd Vice President: Angela Loogman, Kings River; Secretary: Melanie Curtis, Corcoran; Treasurer: Lilly Pimentel, Kings River; Director: Stephanie Fry, Oakvale; All Star Team: Anna Dooley and Trista Fry; Ambassador Team: Madison Thomas; Other Members: Jennifer Thomas and Amanda Curtis, Corcoran 4-H Club; Donna Murphy-Eller, Lemoore 4-H Club; Tiffany Valov, Kings River 4-H Club; Terrie Evangelo, Sponsoring Committee, and Rochelle Mederos, Interim Staff.
- ❖ The October 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Terrie Evangelo and seconded by Stephanie Fry.
- ❖ There was no correspondence.
- ❖ Lilly Pimentel reported that a deposit was made in the amount of \$2,682.54 and no checks have been written; total assets \$52,691.62, liabilities \$33,076.06, and current balance \$23,192.58. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Terrie Evangelo, seconded by Stephanie Fry.
- ❖ The following Reports took place:
 - All Star Report – The All Stars and Ambassadors met jointly on 10/23/2020. Judging Day will be held on December 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kings Fairgrounds with 5 judging classes, 1 ID class, and 1 set of reasons for each of the three categories of Livestock, Home Economics, and General. There will be service learning projects of tie fleece blankets for the animal shelter and card making for service men/women and homebound seniors following the judging. Awards will be given to Club Leaders at a later date. Rochelle will work with the team to finalize registration details and other needs. During the Paper Clover campaign at Tractor Supply rabbit and poultry displays were set up.
 - Ambassador Report – partnering with All Stars to plan Judging Day. Madison is working on getting the livestock classes.
 - Emerald Star Report(s) –Madison Thomas reported that the virtual farm day event is completed, packets went home on 10/23 and the team is waiting for feedback from teachers and students so they complete their exit materials.
 - Countywide Projects Reports – the Lugo's will continue as Rabbit Leaders and Heather Thomas will serve as the dog leader. A poultry leader is needed. Island and Kings Harvest may be able to take on a few extra members if a countywide poultry leader cannot be recruited.
 - Mini Grants- we have not had applications for some time. Terrie Evangelo made a motion, seconded by Lilly Pimentel, that this year's Boswell donation go to the general fund instead of into the mini grant fund. Motion approved, unanimously.
 - Staff Report – Rochelle shared the following:
 - [Kings County 4-H Community Education Specialist Job Opportunity](#) – New closing date of 11/9/2020 @ 5:00 pm. Please share and encourage applications.
 - COVID -19 Update and UC ANR 4-H In-person Guidelines – Since Kings County is currently

in the Substantial Red Tier, in-person meetings can start taking place as long as the guidelines are followed, however virtual meetings are still preferred. The adult volunteer in charge of the meeting/activity must complete the online [COVID-19 Safety Training](#) in order to conduct an in-person meeting. The guidelines include the following:

1. [Basic Safety Standards](#). These five (5) safety standards must be followed for all in-person activities: (1) Do NOT participate in any in-person 4-H activities if you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms or if you or someone you have been in contact with has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Symptoms include: (a) fever or chills, (b) cough, (c) shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, (d) fatigue, (e) muscle or body aches, (f) headache, (g) new loss of taste or smell, (h) sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and (i) nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. (2) Always maintain six feet of distance between people. (3) Wear cloth mask or face coverings when you are attending in-person meetings. (4) Maintain hygiene practices. Frequently clean and disinfect workspaces and equipment, wash hands often, and use hand sanitizer. (5) Meetings should be conducted remotely whenever possible. In-person activities must follow occupancy limits and other protective measures as noted, based on a county's tier assignment on the State of California's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).
2. [Occupancy Limits](#) must be followed for in-person 4-H activities. Guidelines are based on the requirements for higher education adopted by UC ANR and enhanced for 4-H programming. **Substantial (red) tier Indoor Capacity** = Area of Room / 36 sq. ft. per person or maximum of 25% of room capacity, whichever is lower. No more than 100 people. **Outdoor Capacity** – Maximum 100 people, maintain 6 ft distance between all participants during activity.
3. The [4-H Safety Protocol Checklist](#) must be completed by 4-H Adult Volunteers two-weeks prior to hosting in-person meetings to ensure you are prepared to resume in-person 4-H programming or activities.
4. Consult additional resource items: (a) [Symptom Survey](#), (b) [Attendance Log](#), (c) [Procedures for 4-H Meetings during COVID-19](#), (d) [Planning Strategies for In-person Meetings](#), (e) [Strategies to Reduce In-person Meeting Size](#), (f) [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and (g) [County Public Health Orders website](#).

*Decisions to allow 4-H in-person meetings are at the discretion of the UCCE County Director with direction from the County Public Health Officer. Any unauthorized in-person activities will not be covered by UC insurance and may not be included in 4-H record books. Corrective actions will be taken if 4-H volunteers or families host or participate in any unauthorized in-person 4-H activities.

- New 4-H Adult Helper Certification for Virtual Learning Spaces – Adult age 18+ that is related to a youth member or adult volunteer may apply by completing the online course and quiz; the National Sex Offender Public Website Registry will be used to screen applicants. For more information, see: https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-HResources/Unit_Management/ for details.
- Be sure to continue to check the [California 4-H at Home](#) website and [Virtual Toolbox](#) for 4-H members and volunteers for updated information and help during COVID times.
- Upcoming Events (Statewide)
 - On Target Tuesday web series, hosted by Washington State University, 10/6/2020 – 12/8/2020 @ 6:30 pm (Pacific Time); register at: https://wsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7KOfRu9TTm0Uewf7mxLuA to receive the link with

recorded sessions; the sessions are designed to help youth who can't practice or meet due to COVID-19.

- State Fashion Revue: Reboot will be held virtually in May 2021. Requirement to be in sewing project has been removed. County Fashion Revue must be held by April 24, so eligible participants can register by 4/30/21. Categories continue from 2020.
https://ucanr.edu/sites/sfd/Competitions/State_Fashion_Revue/

❖ Unfinished Business

- 4-H Week Window Display Contest – update from All Stars & Ambassador team – two entries were received and will be judged by the All Stars; awards will be announced soon.
- Calendar Discussion
 - Judging Day – Being planned by the All Star and Ambassador teams and tentatively set for December 12th at the Fairgrounds.
 - Presentation Day – Melanie Curtis will chair, date and format to be announced, Rochelle will check to see if she can get information on the date(s) for the State competition.
 - Kings County 4-H Fair April 8-10, 2021, planning meeting January 20, 2021, 6 pm Livestock and 7 pm Home Economics.
 - Kings Fair – June 10-13, 2021
- [Beginning of Year Club Checklist](#) items were due by November 1st.
- California 4-H Groundswell Debit Card – Race to 50 results- did not meet the 50, but we may still be able to participate.
- Achievement Night (virtual), feedback has been good and all the materials/awards were distributed.

❖ New Business

- Favorite Foods Fair 2021 – Continue at Hanford West or possibly move to the fairgrounds, Rochelle will check with Tiffany Valov about being the chairperson.
- County Fashion Revue 2021 – Rochelle will check with Tiffany to see if she is willing to chair and set a date.
- Enrollment – starting to come in, please encourage everyone to get it done ASAP. All returning volunteers must complete the online eXtension returning training by 12/31/2020, or they will have to complete the longer New Volunteer training. Rochelle was working on an audit of the DOJ Live Scan clearance and is waiting to hear back from the UC ANR Risk and Safety Services office because several (approx. 15) current volunteers were not included on the DOJ list that Rochelle received a couple months ago; it is possible that these adults would need to complete the Live Scan again.
- ❖ The next Leaders Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm. There will not be a December meeting.
- ❖ Announcements – Melanie encouraged everyone to please consider doing COVID testing on a weekly basis to help keep increase our county testing rates with positivity rates!
- ❖ A motion for adjournment was made by Terrie Evangelo and seconded by Lilly Pimentel, with all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.