

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 8/25/2020 oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com 7:00 p.m.
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Attendance: Rita Jakel, Brian Monte, Sandy Jacobs, Beverly Schrieber, Larry Arnold, Lauren Reyes, Gregg Hammork, Serafina Martinez, Michaela Beckman, Rachel Horn, Maryam Handley, Allison Kari, Elizabeth Broadbent, Maddy Mittelstaedt, Heather Hernandez, Esperanza Reyes, Kelly Speakman, Luke S., Isabelle Speakman, Niki Miller, Adrian Arce, James Rojas, Rachel Corliss, Brian Kim, Wes Alcott,

Opening- The meeting was called to order by President, Brian Montes, at 7:05 p.m

Welcome Back: Brian Montes said "I hope you had a great summer but I think I know what everybody's summer was like. Welcome back at the start of the new year. We're excited. It's going to be an interesting year as we move forward. Orange County just came off the watch list on Saturday. This doesn't mean everything's back to normal. We still have a long way to go. 4-H has a long way to go but we have it figured out. Lots of clubs are looking at how we can pull these events together and do a mix hybrid of live events with hybrid. The live events will still be limited in size and people can only go out if they're comfortable or not. Lots of new rules of engagement are coming in this new year, but we will navigate it. We will do everything we can to make this a great year.

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Pledge of Allegiance / 4-H Pledge: Lauren Reyes led the pledge to the American flag & Serafina Martinez led the pledge to the 4-H flag.

Review Minutes: Rita Jakel & Brian Monte screen-shared the minutes from last month. A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented was made by Serafina Martinez, seconded by Maddy Mittelstaedt and passed.

Welcome: First thing on our agenda for tonight is a special recognition and thank Mr. Larry Arnold. Thank you for taking some time out of your evening to join us for the 4-H meeting tonight. We just want to say thank you for everything that you do for 4-H. Rita Jakel also said Thank you for being so generous and giving the kids opportunities to attend the things that perhaps they wouldn't be able to otherwise. They have a nice presentation for you. Would you like to address everybody and tell us about yourself, or about your 4-H experience? **Larry Arnold said:** "Very briefly. I'm very happy to be able to help. I grew up in Florida and Ventura County. All the way through high school, I was an All-Star back in those days. I had the Grand Champion lamb at the Ventura County Fair. We moved down to Orange County and after that was the President of the Orange County Fair Board for a couple of terms, served over 10 years, was chairman of the Orange County support committee, was also chairman of the California 4-H Foundation for a while. I'm kind of committed to the program. I think it's great. I'm glad I could help."

SLC Presentation: The following Orange County 4-H members attended State Leadership Conference and gave a wonderful presentation showing many things that they learned and enjoyed at SLC. Michaela Beckman, Serafina Martinez, Lauren Reyes, Isabelle Speakman, and Luke Speakman shared their experiences at SLC and thanked Mr. Larry Arnold for their Scholarships which made it possible for them to attend, learn, grow and enjoy the experience. They plan to use their new found knowledge in life, school, friendships and for our clubs and county 4-H program. Rita Jakel thanked all for sharing and Mr. Arnold. She will be sending thanks from the teens with some notes and pictures. We really appreciate that they got the opportunity to go and participate. It was a really powerful experience for them. Mr. Arnold said "I just want to say thank you very much for inviting me. That was moving and I'm glad I can help. And I'd like to do it again."

2020/2021 Committee Formation: Brian Monte shared the visual. We want to talk about committee formation as we enter into the new year, we want to start getting the committee's that still have some space on them filled up with volunteer help. We're coming to the new year. We definitely have some committees where we need to fill some spots. My call to action is to take a look at the committee spaces that we have open. We would appreciate volunteers to fill some of these roles. Committee work is where a lot of the heavy lifting is done. These meetings are designed to come together and talk about what's been done in between monthly County Council meetings. It's really important that we get these committees built out and functioning, because that is the engine that's going to help. First and foremost, **Finance Committee:** We need two volunteers. Join our executive board in helping us build the budget and participate in the finance committee. The following committees listed were **Incentives & Recognition, Leadership Development, Nominating, Outreach & Marketing, Record Book, Scholarship, County Ambassadors and Events** (Family Day/Clover-Joyed, Fashion Revue, Food fiesta, Imaginology, Presentation). We will put together Google Forms and we'll send it out so that you can sign up. We need to support. We can't do this without you. Figure out what you can do from a time perspective and help us make this year the best. More events will be discussed at the Project Leader Roundtables in September. Priority is the Finance Committee. Right now we need to get our budget set for this coming year. So that is the number one priority as I look at this as getting the Finance Committee finalized, so we can get budget discussions underway.

Teen Council: Lauren Reyes Teen Council is being passed on to Mrs. Montes.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa was not able to attend. Sandy Jacobs gave the report. The July 2020 Treasurer's Report. Our checking balance started with \$40,925.47. The ending balance was the same at \$40,925.45. Our savings starting balance \$33,111.73. Interest earned = 28 cents. Ending balance \$33,112.01. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as given was made by Maddy Mittelstaedt, seconded by Gregg Hammork and passed. Rita Jakel pointed out that, what's not showing, because we just took care of it this month, was the final installment of fees for the end of last program year. The checking account balance is going to go down by a little over \$8,000.

Club Updates: Brian said that Rita has had conversations with all different clubs about which projects were going to be run this year and if there is a chance for us to have crossed club collaboration and maybe, instead of all the clubs trying to do everything themselves, we start to bring the clubs together and each club and lead around three to five projects and encourage cross clubbing so that we can better utilize our resources across the county. Let's hear what projects, you're going to be offering this year. Where can we have collaboration.

Fountain Valley Cloverdales: Maddy Mittelstaedt reported that the projects that we will be offering this year are games, Bath and Body DIY, poultry, string art, painting and leadership, leather and wood working, upcycling, animal science, Baking, photography and hiking. As far as I know, DIY will always be open to cross clubbing.

Sandy Jacobs added that they just finished training. Our first meeting is on September first and our officers will be meeting just before that to start working on their budget.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders: Liz Broadbent reported that they have two more shows that they're prepping for. Marin County sent out for a statewide virtual show. We've got three kids doing that. We also have Three or four kids going to the State Classic, but they're also doing virtual. We had to do the hippology testing last week. We've got one doing public speaking in the middle of September, and then the writing part is the 25th-27th in that time frame. The projects we're going to have this year will be horse, crochet, theater and poultry. Poultry broke into two groups chickens and quail. The horse project is closed. Niki Miller said that she is willing to open hippology for virtual. Crochet is open too.

Fullerton Hills: Brian Kim said that he is an agriculture teacher at Sunny Hills High School. The projects that we will have are livestock project, depending on our situation with covid, lambs, goats and cattle from last year. We're going to move forward with those projects. We're just playing it by ear.

Jordan Jaguars: None

La Habra Hilltoppers: Lauren Reyes said that the projects we're going to have this upcoming year are cooking, gardening, live large livestock, including beef, hogs, goats and sheep, and we're also going to have poultry, robotics and shooting sports. Brian Montes added that meetings will get started this month and into September.

Lake Forest Superstars: None

Mesa Goathill Go-Getters: Allison Kari reported that this year we've decided to take everything virtual until further notice. So we're going to have a lot of zoom meetings and we are open to cross clubbing, of course, for those zoom meetings. We just had our planning for our big kickoff this Saturday at four by zoom. Very excited about that. We have some great things planned from the teens and our projects are all virtual - arts and crafts, cake decorating, camp at home, clothing/ fashion review, clover buds, community service, crochet, cultural arts, Japanese, entomology, foods and cooking, horses, leadership, Lego building, native plant identification, primary project with mindfulness, Toastmasters, toy making and possibly woodworking.

Orange Acres Backbreakers: Jaimee Rojas said that they plan to have market rabbits, market goats, dairy market beef and market hogs. We do have a horse and pony project as well as some ones that we've lost. Some of our leaders for the dog group and robotics are still anticipating if they're going to be able to go ahead and do that as well. We're also kind of low on pygmy goat projects. So that's something that we're looking at for cross club enrollment. We've also lost our clover buds. So that would be something we might want to look into. So I'm still reaching out to leaders and so I'm so new into this position to figure out who can fill in some of the gaps of those who are leaving, and really just kind of letting you know honing down on who's going to actually lead those projects, but I've gotten a pretty good response. We're looking okay but we're going to probably lose a couple of projects.

Orange Villa Buckaroos: Isabelle Speakman said they doing wire working, paper art, cooking, Toastmasters and leadership. We're thinking of doing a sewing project and the community service project. If we open back up and are able to meet in person, we're going to try to a photography project and a miniature model painting project as well. Kelly Speakman added that they have three different projects that they are thinking about opening the app to the community. One is a virtual dance project that is actually going to be offered through Isabel's ballet studio where they'll have Videos of prerecorded videos available and one on dance history, (one that would be some type of dance more and then one that would be a beginning dance instruction). For community service we have been making some different videos on how to make a mouse or mice for cat toys and some ropes that are dog toys. We have these little finger puppets and we have a kindergarten class that we are making those for and there's several kindergarten

classes. So if we get more, that would even be better. We're going to include some kind of little write-up to go along with the puppets to encourage creative writing just to encourage these kids that can't meet in person. We also want to open up a part of our cooking project to the county. We are also doing a kayaking project, if we can.

Trabuco Trailblazers: Gregg Hammork said that their livestock programs are the goat, lambs and rabbits. New is the wildlife conservation - Looks pretty exciting. I got a lot of people signed for arts and crafts, canning & preserving and horse project. We also have a technical project that is still going. We're still looking for three or four other people to sign up and get us going. Just keep plugging along.

Tri-Cities: Heather Hernandez said that they have made the decision to post all of our projects in person, this year, and kept them at eight members. That way we can stay under the 10 people max. So we will allow people from other clubs if we have space, once we have let our own members sign up. We're going to have rabbits, market rabbits, DIY home and personal care, sewing, photography, arts and crafts, large livestock, floral, rifles, cake decorating and community service.

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf: Rachel Horn said - Yes, we're going to have the same projects, depending on if we meet in person or not, since most are livestock. Once we hopefully wouldn't be starting to March. Anyways, hopefully by then everyone being in person and virtually. We will have cloverbuds, community service, gardening, veterinary science. And then once we can meet in person, or depending on the size of the people interested, we're going to have archery, poultry, rabbit, cavies and the usual livestock. Brian added that the shooting project will be 8 plus 2 leaders and La Habra will continue to host this project as well.

Brian also thanked Rachel for volunteering to serve on the Finance committee.

DSAOC Superkids: None

County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates - Rita Jakel shared slides for sort of a general update and then we'll go into the club leader presentation after we're done with our business meeting. Rita said "Welcome to 2020 2021 and our theme this year is going to be embrace the exceptional because that's where we're at with what we have facing us and challenges and so forth. So I want to encourage you to open the year with confidence. I know it's different. I know it's not how we thought it was going to be necessarily, but go for it. You can do this. You have support. Your best is awesome. It's what we need. It's all we need, and doesn't have to be perfect. So there's going to be things that are going to be like, oh, oh, you know, whatever. That's fine. No worries, take it as it comes. Um, we are talking about the committee's so, time permitting search and see if you could possibly participate in one of our **committees**. It would be awesome to get these things moving forward. She talked about fundraising, debit card, ground swell palette card program and Enrollments. Sign up fees are \$72 (new this year is the option to pay by credit card). Adult volunteers pay \$25. All adults have to have a current life skin on. This year we have county t-shirts. September 1 is the deadline for County Ambassador applications. Coming up, September 10 12 and 14 giving you the three different times options evenings a Saturday and weekday morning whatever fits your schedule best. Please encourage all your project leaders to participate in one of our roundtable opportunities to talk about projects and share. Club officer Leadership Forum class training to also on September 12 right after the project leader will go right into the club leader training at two o'clock. September 27 is county record book and officer book judging and that same date is the date the state has set for submitting the intent to submit a record book form to the state. Club budgets are due September 30 - link to that form, October 10 may be our Clover-Joyed. Scholarship applications are due October 15. October 24 will be our kickoff for record book training for the new program year. I encourage you to always refer to our website, I try to keep that up to date with all the Newest and Latest information.

Committee Chair(s) & Event Updates - Continuing Business Updates - Important Dates

Sandy Jacobs would like, January 30 for **Food Fiesta** please. **Presentation day** would be the next one up on the calendar to keep the same schedule as last year. **Wes Alcott** said that we can keep the same day. **Heather Hernandez** said she likes to have **Fashion Revue** two weeks before the imaginology stuff turning deadline so that kids can have their stuff done, and then have a weekend off and then start with imaginology stuff. I'll probably have it at the same church again. Sandy Jacobs said that the **End of the year recognition**, was mid May.

Brian Montes said "Okay, great turnout tonight. I appreciate the turnout. Let's continue filling out these committees and look forward to seeing you all next month.

Adjournment was at 8:21 p.m.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday September 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7PM (Virtual)

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary