

**Orange County Meeting Minutes** 1/26/2021 [oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com)

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**Attendance:** Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Melissa Sara, Beverly Schrieber, Allison Kari, Helen Chen, Jaimee Rojas, Jillian Book, Kristine Dane, Laura Argonza-Castillo, Maddy M, Roberta Garcia, Brian Kim, Mary Ciricillo, Rachel Corliss, Gina Montes, Rachel Horn, Roberta Russell, Serafina M, Wes Alcott. Niki Miller, Josh Friedman, Liz Broadbent, Kelly Speakman, Isabelle Speakman, Rachel Horn

**Call to Order:** Brian Montes 7:03 p.m.

**Pledges:** The Pledges were led by Serafina M.

**Welcome:** Brian Montes said: Welcome back everybody, we took a hiatus in December. We do have a really fun evening planned, today we have a couple of guests speakers coming in tonight . We'll try and get a couple of housekeeping items out of the way. Our first guest speaker will be followed by our second guest speaker tonight.

**Review Minutes and Motion for Approval Motion:** A **motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by Wes Alcott , seconded by Niki Miller and passed.

**Treasurers Financial Report :** For those of you that haven't met our newest treasure, Roberta goes by "Bird". She is a successor to Melissa. Melissa, thank you for your years of being the treasurer.

Melissa Sara gave the following Bank Account and Reconciliation Update **November 2020** – Checking Beginning Balance - \$32,837.60 - Deposits - \$1,737.00 - Checkscashed - check #3654 \$311.22 Maryam Handley Virtualogy 2020 expenses) - Ending Balance - \$34,263.38 - Savings Beginning Balance – \$33,112.84 - Interest Earned - \$0.27 - Ending Balance- \$33,113.11 ----- **December 2020** – Checking Beginning Balance - \$34,263.38 - Deposits - \$360.00 - Checkscashed– N/A - Ending Balance - \$34,623.38 - Savings Beginning Balance – \$33,113.11 - Interest Earned - \$0.28 - Ending Balance - \$33,113.39 A **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as given was made by Laura Argonza-Castillo, seconded by Jaimee Rojas and passed.

**Forever 4-H Endowment Presentation by Mary Ciricillo:** Brian introduced Mary by saying "We've got two guest speakers tonight and our first speaker has arrived for the evening, Mary welcome. Just before our exec board meeting this month Rita brought an opportunity to us, that gives us an opportunity to create a long term impact for Orange County 4-H that will outlast when we've all moved on, our kids are taking our spots. Universities have used endowments for years to create long term generational income for institutions. Here is an opportunity for us to take a look at utilizing an endowment through the UC system. Specifically for Orange County, the use of an endowment would then create long term income and opportunity for the County of Orange and help continue to sustain our program. Rita and I had a preliminary conversation with Mary and she was able to present what the Forever 4-H Endowment looks like. The Executive Board is all in agreement that this would be a good direction for us to look at and make it a reality for the Orange County 4-H group. We invited Mary to present to you tonight. Mary gave a very informative slide show presentation. Mary said that She is the Executive Director of the California 4-H Foundation and she comes to learn in the last couple years that sometimes not everybody in the 40 year-old program knows what that is. The Foundation is a separate 501 C 3 Fundraising Arm with a mission to support California 4-H Statewide Initiatives, but also at the local level. Prior to joining UC Agriculture Natural Resources for years, I worked as a development officer, a frontline fundraiser for the UC Davis graduate school of business and come to UCANR with fundraising experience and it's my passion. When I go out to donors, I like to give the larger picture of 4-H being the largest youth development program in the country. It's a powerful brand. We typically have about 140 youth engaged and 20 adult volunteers. Significantly, I think we're around 100,000 youth members today. Significantly, I think we're around 100,000 youth members. One of the 4-H Foundation board members, Casey Anderson, is from Orange County. He's the Executive Director of the Farm Bureau. Please enjoy the presentation from this slide show. More information may be found on the California 4-H Foundation Webpage. The

endowments are invested with the Financial committee with the UC Regents which is part of the University of California office of the President.

**Drone Project Presentation by Josh Friedman** Brian introduced Josh. Alright, so that was number one now number two, I would like to introduce Josh Friedman, who is a colleague and a friend I've known for a number of years. Last year we lost with COVID-19, some of the programs, we wanted to get off the ground. We want to make up some ground and get some of the programs launched that we know are of interest. One of the projects that we have put together is a drone project. Josh is a professional photographer & owns his own business here in Irvine, Orange County. He is also a drone pilot who uses drones day in and day out in his business. He has agreed to help us put together a drone project which will consist of (probably) zoom classes. If things go in the direction we think they're going to go, we're hoping that we'll be able to do the in person flight classes as well. We are going to start the program in March. Josh has quite a few cool drones that he's going to be able to bring out. These kids are going to be able to test a lot of different drones. Josh is joining us tonight to give an overview of the program and just talk about drones in general, so you can take it back to your clubs and let them know that projects and signups are available. We are looking at launching the program on the first Tuesday and Thursday of March. Please check the zoom for Joshua's presentation.

**Ag Days:** Brian and Rita will be setting a meeting to start working on the ag days. If anyone is interested in working with us, send an e-mail. Rita explained that we're looking at trying to put together some kind of a presentation that we can take to schools and other agencies, even possibly developing an open house during Imaginology, maybe all of these things at once, that highlights what 4-H is about and what 4-H in Orange County does and the offerings that we have.

**Virtual Career Fairs:** Brian and Rita have a meeting next week with vital link in Orange County and we are going to take a hard look at trying to partner with them to start bringing some of the virtual career fairs to the 4-H Community. Their whole mission is to bring career fairs and opportunities to the youth of Orange County. Pre-pandemic, they were on site at the Edwards Life Sciences and all the other employers in Orange, setting up days, where students would go walk-throughs and meet with people and find out about different career opportunities. More coming next month.

**Citizen Science:** Rita reported that they started Saturday with a good turnout. This is a project, where the youth are able to work to contribute data to a scientific research project that's ongoing through some UC and other scientists. They're going to be studying be studying local urban trees to see if there's an infestation of shot hole borer. They just had an introductory meeting. They're going to start doing the training, so the kids can learn how to identify the shot hole borer and then take data recordings and participate by contributing them to the research project.

**Cloverbuds:** Allison Kari said that they had their January meeting with fun crafts and things. I have to say that in Cloverbuds we are having new kids come every month, one or two, and so our project is growing. We are doing a great job with our Cloverbuds team. We have a team and everyone contributes ideas and often times leads different parts of the program. It's been going really well. It's a fantastic way to do a project and we're all having a lot of fun and we're getting nice "Thank You's" from the kids' parents. I think we're making a good impact there.

**Community Service** - Rachel Corliss told us that they met last night and made placemats for Meals on Wheels. Last night and the past couple projects we've done the cat toys & dog toys. Next month will be making cards with the Orange County Ambassadors. They're going to come and do cards with us, with the rest of the project and then the next month after that we're going to have a sewing one with Allison. She is going to help out with that one. We got a few things going on. Next month will be fun and we've had a couple people, just like Allison said we've had a couple people join every month as well.

**Dance:** Isabelle S. said that they had their first meeting this month. You can still sign up if you are interested. We asked the people that signed up to watch a performance of the Nutcracker and then, once we had our meeting, I read the shortened version. We had some pictures to go along - photographs turned into paintings - then we talked about what it takes to put on a performance, like the costumes that have to be made, the props and the rehearsals. You know a lot goes into that. We also talked about what you can expect for the rest of the project. We have some videos lined up that are dance history, instructional

classwork, some previous competition dances and then we also have done Zoom classes that we're going to be offering for both ballet and contemporary. We have a couple different age groups. We are planning on doing another meeting if we have enough people who want to join because we already have another person who missed our meeting. That would be just to catch up and do basically the same thing from our first meeting.

**Computer Science** - Rachel Corliss said the Computer Science project is doing well, we have the next meeting February 3 on Wednesday from 4:30 to six. Tyler has taught block programming, so they have learned some robots. Programming is on the website, so they don't actually have to have a robot. They did the scratch programming and they made their own video. The next one will be mini Spheros which are little robotic balls which are basically the size of a ping pong ball. It has an APP that you download to your phone. You can program them to do fun things. That's next on February 3 and then the March one will be some starting Python programming. Anyone and everyone is welcome. We have all ages.

## **Reports**

**Teen Council Update** - none

**County Ambassador Reports** - Laura Argonza-Castillo reported that they are going to be presenting the county ambassadors next month at the county meeting, how to put together letters to our Community leaders, people in retirement homes or your neighbors so that they don't feel left out with this pandemic. The County Ambassadors are going to put a presentation together at the next Community Service meeting.

## **Committee Updates**

**Nomination Committee** – Allison Kari and Liz Broadbent chair our nomination committee.

**Record Book Committee** – Chair Allison Kari, reported that the record book committee has been doing a lot of work lately and we've had a really good turnout. We met last weekend on Saturday. It was very well attended. We were very happy to see a lot of the kids - many that haven't done record books and some that have not come to a meeting before. The record book committee has been working on some videos, instructional videos and some slideshows. We have two videos made and we're working on two others. We want to have slides and videos for every section of the record books and have it be like a video library. We're going to do two more record book workshops and we also have our information or personal information (PDR) on those slides and on the website. If anyone has questions, just call & ask us a question. We'll answer. We're very happy with our progress right now.

**Scholarship Committee** – Chair Sandy Jacobs reported that she did some research and the next deadline for scholarship applications is February 15. the scholarship committee will be meeting on March 1 to go over those applications. California Focus has been canceled for this year, they will actually not be convening until 2022. Citizen Washington Focus, Leadership Washington Focus and State Leadership Conference have not been updated. Information on their websites have no dates. Southern Youth Summit have tentative dates. It will be a virtual event from March 26 through the 28th. I believe there was a fee last year, around \$50. Serafina M. said she is one of the chairs for the Southern Youth Summit (SYS) and they're talking about, because it's virtual, bringing the price down. Sandy will return on numbers. She imagines they're a little delayed with the dissolving of the Southern Section. There are tentative dates for LA Summer Camp, which would be June 13 through the 19th. Now we're not even at this time, approved for overnight anything. If you would tentatively like to submit applications, they are due February 15. We shall see. Rita Jakel said SLC is July 23 through 25th. It's a weekend and Youth Summit is March 26 through 28. Sandy looked up the equestrian events. Nikki Miller actually sent them to her. One of them didn't have information and the other two are virtual. Rita said that they assume that there are fees. Sandy said - not as high as they could be if they would be in person.

**I&R Committee** – We still need a chair! Kristrine Dane said that the committee has been working very hard to develop the document that explains the parameters and what the committee is for. We've been meeting for a couple months and we actually submitted a document to the Executive Committee, which already has been approved. Tonight we're going to seek a motion to approve that document. The document was sent out in the OC 4-H newsletter that you receive that has the Minutes for the last meeting

and it had the agenda for this evening. There's a document called Incentive and Recognition Committee. You can look at that, if you like. It talks about the idea behind having an I&R committee that educates the membership and makes people aware. This document is a collaboration of all of that information about the purpose behind it to inspire people in their membership to educate people in the clubs to let them know what awards are available. This committee is very valuable and very useful. Take a look at this document and if someone would like to make a motion to approve, that would be fantastic. That's what we've been working on developing, what the committee is for, what they would do, how they can facilitate the clubs and the leadership in the county. A **motion** to accept this document was made by Beverly Schrieber, seconded by Rachel Horn and passed.

**Fair & Imaginology Committee** –Chair Maryam Handley

#### **4-H Event Updates**

**Fashion Revue (March 24<sup>th</sup>)** – Chair Heather Hernandez - Rita said that the date will be April 24th, possibly during Imaginology. It will be virtual. We'll keep up the website, as we get more information, as she has registration documents and things ready.

**Presentation Day (March 6, 2021)** – Chair Wes Alcott said that we are still sticking with March 6th. There is a conflict with some FFA. They're doing their Super Saturday, but I think we can work around that so we're sticking with March 6th. Registration is open now online, and I think Rita was going to send out an email with that flyer. We're going to be attending a webinar tomorrow on doing Presentation Day virtually so we're kind of all on the same page with region and state by state for each and all that. Things are shaping up. We're going to stick to March 6th.

**Food Fiesta (Feb 13th)** – Chair Sandy Jacobs reported that Registration for Food Fiesta is open. Please go register. We don't have a lot and I'd really love to see all of your videos. We are doing "How to" videos in place of our food demonstrations or food presentations and then we will also still continue to have Cupcake Wars. It will be live virtually. Registration closes on January 30th. Videos are due no later than the 6th but closer to the 30th, please. Live Cupcake Wars will happen on February 13th, as well as awards. Our theme is Candyland. One of our categories is to make candy or make something with. Allison asked about editing the videos. Sandy said that those that aren't great with editing, you can submit three short videos with an intro, your body, and then the serving of the dish if that will help.

**Clover-Joyed Spring Recognition Event** - (June 19<sup>th</sup>) –Needs a Chair!

**Re-Imaginology** April 19-25th Rita said that the committee is working to figure out how we are going to liaison with the Orange County Fair. It will be a virtual event. We are not allowed on the fairgrounds and no one is, especially once they set up as another vaccination site. We're working on developing some virtual competitions and activities, perhaps that open house Ag Days Event in that week as well, using/taking advantage of the Orange County Fairs widespread access to their website that we don't have with ours to draw as large a crowd.

**Clubs Updates** – Review of the projects each club plans to offer this year:

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales** - Maddy M. reported that they just opened the club back up for the New Year and had our first meeting and some of our projects are getting back into the swing of things.

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders** - Liz Broadbent said that they are moving along. We've had our January meeting. We've had meetings every month. My kids are working on ideas that they would like to do on a club level for community service and also looking into ways that maybe we could raise money for the club because it's kind of hard right now; but, all of our projects are up and running and seem to be going really well.

**Fullerton Hills** - Brian Kim reported that Fullerton Hills is doing pretty well. We are just getting our numbers for livestock projects. We are waiting to hear of what Orange County Fair is going to offer, but something I that I think is pretty interesting and I don't know if for each really talks about it, but I know at

the high school level, we've encouraged our students who go through American ag credit this year to get loans for livestock projects and so, if anyone is interested in that information I'm more than happy to share with you. It's not a bank. It's really a foundation that supports FFA and 4-H students and getting loans and these loans are zero percent interest. The students just have to pay the loan back after they receive a check basically for their projects so we're encouraging our high school students to (who need the assistance) to go through American Ag Credit and it's a really easy process and the 4-H leaders just basically vouch for the students who are interested in applying for it. It's a really easy process we've done it with our steer projects of the FFA level and, like I said, if anyone wants more information about American Ag Credit and the youth loans we're more than happy to share but that's something new for us that we brought to our 4-H club only because the FFA programs are doing it, and so we brought that to our 4-H club.

**Jordan Jaguars** - none

**La Habra Hilltoppers** - Laura Argonza-Castillo said that they are just trying to figure it out. Our cooking started and it's all virtual which the kids hate. We're hoping that maybe March, April, they can get together. Gardening is probably going to start next month. Our livestock is doing very well as a matter of fact, one of the kids just had a heifer - brand new heifer - so that is wonderful news. We're just trudging along.

**Lake Forest Superstars** - Rita said that they have a potential new leader. Stephanie will work with her.

**Mesa Goathill Gogetters** - Allison Kari said that we made some Valentine's Day crafts and we had fun. We are just moving right along with all our projects, meeting virtually and having more members come to the different projects and helping out with the countywide projects which have been really fun. We are involved as Rachel mentioned with the community service project. We got involved with a website called Sew a Softy. What they do is, in the month of March, they do what's called the global kids sewing party. In the month of March, they want groups of kids to get together and make a little stuffed animal. They have tons and tons of free patterns on their website and they want the kids to get together and Sew a Softy, a stuffed animal or something that can be really easy and simple or can be more difficult. They sew it and then give it to someone in the Community, that they think needs it. We're doing that in March. Our club is registered with the SOA softy site and we're going to partner with the community service projects to have as many kids as possible to do it. Their goal is to get 10,000 kids Sew a Softy in the month of March. Last year they came really close. That was in 11 countries last year. Hopefully this year will be different. Hopefully we'll see 4-H can help out with that.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers** - Jaimee Rojas said that they just had their general meeting in January.

We've been doing some project reports that each of our meetings. Most of our animal projects have met. Rabbits, swine and goats are here. Kids are scheduled to get their market goats and pigs here in March.

Actually, a couple of them are getting them here in February. We had our community service project, where we donated some serving items for Mary's Kitchen, which is an organization that provides food services to homeless here in Orange County and we're going to open that up also to our community in

**Orange Acres Backbreakers**. We can get a few more donations for them. We have a fundraiser coming up next month in February and our local pizza place over here in orange, for years they're going to give us a whole week where the people bring in a flyer, they'll give us a portion of those sales. We were hoping that maybe in the spring, we could do some sort of student or Member recognition. I'm hoping that maybe we can meet in the park and see some faces in person. Other than that we just keep going.

**Orange Villa Buckaroos** - none

**Trabuco Trailblazers** - Rachel Corliss said that they had their January meeting and will have their meeting the first Monday of February. I don't think there's anything new to speak about, a lot of the projects have slowed. The kids are doing their animal projects on their own.

**Tri-Cities** - none

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf** - Rachel Horn reported that we had our club meeting in January via Zoom. Project meetings have been on hold this past month, just because most of them couldn't meet in person and vet science is done virtually so that one's been able to continuously meet and, hopefully, some of

them will start back in February. The steers kids did get their steer so they have been working on feeding and raising their animals. The rest of our livestock animals will come in March.

**DSAOC Superkids** - none

**County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates** <http://www.oc4h.org/membernews/>

Rita will give her 5-minute training. Just a few things tonight because there was so much done by the others. But I just wanted to take a moment to compliment everyone and say thank you so much for I can really see us living up to our theme, which is Embracing the Exceptional. As you can hear tonight there's so much going on and so much great stuff for kids. I really want to applaud everyone for their efforts and all that you're doing to make that happen. Rita's Happy New Year January Update will fill you in on all of the highlights. She spoke about the Enrollment Update - Urgent - Adults with pending enrollment may no longer interact with youth! - Countywide Project Participation Update - Some new resources will be added to our website. - 5 min training - Youth Protection & Safety - Recording Youth Images - Requirements of Virtual Meetings - Recording Live Virtual 4-H Activities with Youth Images - Requirements Before Recording Youth in Virtual 4-H Activities - Requirements For Prerecorded Instructional Videos - Resources - Debit Card Update - Pen Pal Project - Book Club - Hour of Code Event - Calendar Update - Rita will send this information on the website and be sending it to us via e-mail.

**Adjournment** was at 8:49 P.M.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting –Tuesday, February 24, 2021at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary

From Family Corliss to Everyone: 07:47 PM

There is a group of college students at UofPenn that made their OWN drones and did a light show for all the first responders - it is really cool -- Verge Aero is the name of the company the kids created.

<https://vimeo.com/413188178>