

Orange County Council Minutes - April 26, 2022, 7 pm - zoom

Attendance: Rita Jakel, Sandy Jacobs, Beverly Schrieber, Bri Jokerst, Michelle Mittelstaedt, Maddy M., Elizabeth Broadbent, Kelly Speakman, Rachel Horn, Rebecca Russell, Jaimee Rojas, Nicole Miller, Nicole M, Debbie Stout, Heather Hernandez, Vanessa Walters, Heather Witcher

The **Call to Order** was at 7:05 p.m. by Rita Jakel.

4-H Pledge: Maddy Mittelstaedt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge.

Review Minutes: Rita Jakel presented the notes that she took at the March County Council Meeting.

A **motion** to approve these notes was made by Beverly Schrieber, seconded by Liz Broadbent and passed.

Treasurer's Financial Report: None

Sandy Jacobs, as our Vice President, continued to lead as President for tonight's meeting.

New Business Discussion

Open Board Positions & Nomination Time: Liz Broadbent said that we have come up with a proposed board. Many are appointed that will cover somebody else's turn and some will be nominated. So here we go. For **President**, we are appointing Sandy Jacobs to fill Brian's vacancy and it'll end in June 2023. She's moving up from VP. She was VP before. For **Vice President**, we are nominating Bri Jokerst and that runs until June 2024. For **Recording Secretary**, we're appointing Bev Schrieber, finishing out Gina's term, and that will end June 2023. Our **Treasurer** will stay the same as Roberta Garcia, and that will end as of June 2023. **Corresponding Secretary**, we are nominating Maddie and Michelle Middlestaedt and that will end on June 2024. But at the same time Roberta Garcia will give up Treasurer if there is somebody that wants to step up and do it. She doesn't graduate until the end of September-early October, and then she'll have a real life back again. She will continue to do it if we don't have anybody else. If there is somebody out there, that would really like to do it, she will be glad to step down as well. So that's the presented board. Sandy Jacobs reintroduced herself because she has been out for a while. Sandy has been in 4-H for about 6 or 7 years. Historically I have held a recording Secretary position on the board I run the Food Fiesta County event and I have been CCL for the Fountain Valley Cloverdales, for several years, although this year I did hand it over to Michelle and Emery, who are doing amazingly, keeping the club going, which is awesome. I recently just took a little break, so you guys haven't seen me for a while, but I am back and and I am really happy to be back. I miss you guys. Bri Jokerst shared that she is starting back up the Lake Forest Superstars Club. So I'll be the club leader for them, I am a 4-H Alum from San Bernardino County. I did it from five years old, all the way through. So, I am pretty familiar with the program and I kind of like dive right in. If I am going to be at county council meetings anyway, I might as well volunteer, since it seems like you guys need some help. Beverly Schrieber said that she grew up in Illinois on a farm. I joined 4-H when I was nine until I went away to college, so I was 18 so that was nine years. We started here in Orange County when our oldest daughter started and I have been a leader for 40 years, so I absolutely love 4-H. It was so good for our Schrieber kids. Maddie M said: Hi, my name is **Maddy M**. I am currently 16 years old, and I have been in 4-H for about five years. I was Recording Secretary of my club, I believe, two years ago, and then I became President in the year of 2020 and then this year I'm also President. So that's a little bit of my background and I'm also a member of my High School's Color Guard. **Michelle Mittelstaedt** said that Maddy is the one that kept Fountain Valley Club together. I am excited for her to take this next journey and I will support her and support the Council. That's awesome. Thank you, Michelle. Rita said that we are allowed to have senior members as a Corresponding Secretary, so Maddy, with her Mom mentoring her, are offering to take that position. I appreciate all of you guys for stepping up and thank you for that. Sandy Jacobs asked for a **motion** to approve myself, Sandy Jacobs, to be appointed as President, and the appointment of Recording Secretary, for Beverly Schrieber for the rest of this year and next year, both terms ending in 2023. A **motion** to approve Sandy Jacobs and Beverly Schrieber for their respective offices, was made by Nikki Miller, seconded by Rachel Horn and passed.

Next, Sandy Jacobs said, could I please have a **motion** to accept the nominations for Vice President, Bri Jokerst, and for Corresponding Secretary, Maddy Mittelstaedt and Michelle Mittelstaedt for terms starting in the fall and ending in June 2024. This **motion** was so moved by Beverly Schrieber, seconded by Nikki Miller and passed.

In-Person Meeting or Virtual Meetings: Rita Jakel then noted that the next thing on the agenda was to confirm the meetings for May and June. May is our meeting for elections, and there was concern about voting via Google forms in the past. There was some interest in having the meeting in May in person at SCREC and then June would be our wrap up installation of officers and tentatively we had said that would be in person. I know that the situation has been kind of fluid and evolving with covid; so, I wanted to make sure, at least among the people who are present tonight. It is a commitment on my part to get the space ready, keep the space for everything and I'm happy to do it, but I want to make sure that if we do all that, people are going to actually come to the meeting. So, what are your thoughts for the May and June meeting, given that we have elections and installation of officers. It can just be a point of discussion before we do any kind of voting. The days for the next meetings are May 24 and June 28.____The way we've done it with Google is, I'm the only person who sees the individual responses and it's confidential and all I report to the nominating committee is the total count. After much discussion & everyone put their preferences in Chat, the decision was made to have our May county council meeting via zoom. June is split. We will vote in May about June. We will vote by Google form again.

Countywide Project Updates:

Citizen Science - Kyle Ward - Rita spoke for Kyle, saying that Kyle is going to have in person meetings now. I don't have the dates for those, but I think they're doing park meetings and tree observations. **Community Service** - Kelly Speakman said that so far we've had two meetings. One was in person at the Peace Farm and one was on zoom. Both meetings had just one other person or one family come so far. We moved our meetings to Wednesday's and hope that there might be more attendance, but I actually haven't heard of anyone coming tomorrow. Rita put up the Kindness Challenge on the oc4h site and we are going to have another thing that maybe she can put up to share with people if they can't make it. At least they can see get some options and things to do. The community service project for tomorrow is writing inspirational sayings and making little cards that you can give out to different groups of people. In the past, my daughter has made them and some inspirational things she made up herself. She did some artwork and some she found that kind of went along with the different things that she wanted to do and then she made a little set of them, I believe, about a dozen and then she would get those out to encourage people. So that's kind of where we got the idea, something Isabel has done in the past. Rita put the link in the chat. There is the meeting ID and password, just in case. (Link to tomorrow's community service meeting -- Meeting ID968 0728 3287 - SecurityPasscode 831027)

Dance Project - Kelly Speakman said the dance project isn't happening at this point. We haven't had anyone interested. We have some presentations and we have one teacher lined up for contemporary and then my daughter would teach some ballet classes; but, we don't have anyone interested at this point. This is the second year, and we have some new material if someone had wanted to repeat.

She put together a presentation all about Pointe shoes and she put that together for the dance project and then she did a Presentation. She put a lot of thought into it. It would be great to get to share, but if not this year, maybe next year.

Reports:

Teen Council Update: Sandy said that Teen Council is on pause for the rest of this year, hopefully, to come back around and build back up again next year.

County Ambassador Reports: Rita is working to put together an ambassador advisory team and make the process a little bit more transparent and accessible and really provide that program. So, be on the lookout for more information on that.

Committee Updates:

Nomination Committee – Already handled earlier this evening

Record Book Committee – Rita and Sandy said that we do not have a committee at this time. A timeline will be in place by the summertime for record books. Usually there is a group that gets together at the end of the year to go over judging. (September)

Scholarship Committee – We did not meet, but we have gone over the most recent applications. There have been applications approved for Serafina Martinez, Michaela Beckman and James Beckman. Serafina is for summer camp and then James's for SLC and Michaela was for summer camp. Michaela and a couple other kids from our county are actually on the Planning Team for SLC. We have some good representation. I mentioned that last month. It's a good reputation at state this year, very nice presentation. Sandy said: So just to go over that again we did approve three scholarships and we still have money; so, if our kids want to go to events that are happening, this year, which by the way, camp has been approved as an overnight event (\$300). There are still funds for SLC so we would love to send kids. In order to receive a camp scholarship, the member should have been a 4-H member during this present year. To attend summer camp, the opinion is that new members should enroll soon. Check the state camp information. Sandy Jacobs and Jaimee Rojas were giving input on the camp rules.

I&R Committee – Rita said that the following 3 committees are still working. Actually, Outreach and Marketing has been meeting off and on and we're working to have a meeting again this week to start gearing up for the fair and start planning some better quality materials and things to have ready for the fair displays and things.

Outreach & Marketing Committee -Planning stage

Leadership Development -Planning stage

4-H Event Updates

Presentation Day - Liz Broadbent said that we held presentation day the end of March. Helen did a great job. It went very well. The presenters went to Regionals. Some of the Regional winners are moving on to state. So I think at our local county we've done very well and I'm so glad I was a part of the committee that will allow our Members from Orange county to be able to do this event. County, Regional and State were virtual this year.

Imaginology - Rita will tell about this during her county presentation.

Fashion Revue - Heather Hernandez said that it will be virtual via zoom. There will be no county winners, since everyone can go to State. Heather will send a Google search survey to gain interest.

Food Fiesta & Clover-Joyed - Sandy Jacobs asked whether people are interested in having this event this year. She said that she will look into putting a Google survey together, because based on whether we have it virtually or in person will depend on how I create the rules pamphlet. The cooking videos were fun. Rita said that she still literally has a box of Regional and State presentation day certificates and pins from last year because there was a glitch with the stickers they ordered, the seals they ordered, and they didn't send them to me till after we had our June Clover-Joyed. And then, when October came around we had no website. We had nothing. We were just in such a state. I really feel like we need something to do some recognition. Maybe we can't really do a Barbecue necessarily like we've done before. Maybe this combined event will be June 25th.

Club Updates – Review of club activities: projects, meetings, events, etc.

Fountain Valley Cloverdales - Maddie M. said that we had our April meeting, and we welcomed spring starting growing some plants and at our main meeting we're going to check back and see if any of our plants have bloomed and then our DIY project was able to meet and we made rose lotion bars.

Michelle Mittelstaedt said they do have a member, Maddie Ford, who is amazing at Imaginology with her goat project. She was a Grand Champion in one category and a Reserve Best in Show also. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in May.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders - Liz Broadbent reported that FBS has been moving along. We've had a lot of activities. At our April meeting we did nominations for next year. We're going to vote in May for our board for next year, we also had a garage sale. So we did a fundraiser with that and the kids did really well, and then we also had an outreach day called Love Fullerton at Fullerton College. The Stout family very graciously had a booth provided for FBS and it was all nonprofits and then they had food booths. There was a large crowd of people and they just went from booth to booth. I met a Fullerton councilman. I met a photographer from the Fullerton newspaper The Observer. They would like to do an article on us, I don't know if it will materialize. I met a school board member so hopefully we have a contact, if you want to send flyers out in the beginning of the school year. I

found the event very rewarding. The kids had a blast. We had cavies, a chicken and a dragon lizard. People just gravitated to our booth. I felt it was a very rewarding outreach. A City Council member came up to me and he said "Oh, when did this pop up?" and I said, "The late 1950s, or the early 1960s" and I thought he was going to die. Hopefully we can get a little more on the map in Fullerton. Nikki Miller said that many went to Presentation Day, took blues and golds and they're moving on to State. The Witches kids and the Miller kids took blues and golds and are moving on to state. We just had a lot of kids participate and they all had a really good time and were very excited about the state presentation day coming up. They all did really well at Regionals also. That was awesome. Glad that they were able to accommodate some kids who were sick. They were able to come at another date, because one of them had a gall bladder infection, had to go into surgery on presentation day. It really showed the growth of the kids in my project, this year. Some of them have never done any sort of public speaking; so, feeling confident enough to go to state or regionals in front of other people, and I hope that regionals and state maintain a hybrid option, so we don't have to drive up to Davis next year to do in person.

Fullerton Hills - None

Jordan Jaguars - None

La Habra Hilltoppers - None

Lake Forest Superstars - Bri Jokerst said that she is working on trying to put together flyers and website and all that fun stuff so that we can start doing some outreach already have a small group of people that I think are going to plan to sign up. I did Imaginology and went to help, you know, did outreach there. Hopefully we'll get some momentum and start our club strong next year.

Mesa Goathill Gogetters - Beverly Schrieber said that we did not have a General Meeting this month.

We had wookworking kids. There were 2 or 3 kids that finished their projects. The Cake Decorating project met last Saturday. We made a Garden Party Cake. It had signs that said Radish, Peas, Carrots and Lettuce. Fallon came and put flowers on her cake. It was really pretty. So our next meeting will be the officers meeting this Saturday. Our next zoom meeting is Sunday and our next in person fun meeting is Monday. Basically, that's the information for our club.

Orange Acres Backbreakers -Jaimee Rojas reported: We had primarily all animal projects and except for our new little Cloverbud project compete at imaginology with market goats, breeding goats, rabbits and cavies. Our steer projects and lambs and market goat did well. The kids had a really great time. It was a great event. We're gearing up for Orange County Fair. We do have a couple of events coming up that we're participating in. We will be in the Orange May Day Parade on May 7 at the Circle of Orange. We'll have some horses. We're going to try to bring our market lambs. We're going to have wagons pulling a Turkey and chickens and rabbits and have our kids in uniform. We're excited to be representation for the city of Orange. And then, in June, the Orange Park Acreages Association has invited us to put together a booth for a fundraiser that's happening over here at Salem Lutheran Church. We will be represented in a Community event here in Orange Park Acres and it's going to be also kind of like our open house. We're going to invite new members, as well as our current members to participate and be a part of that booth. We will have some information, as well as some animals. And then we have our club President, Bryson Sara, going to be a camp counselor at 4-H camp and then we've got a few Members that are signing up to attend. We're excited for that and that's about it. Rita said that there are marketing boxes with flyers and things to use at events.

Orange Villa Buckaroos - Kelly Speakman said that on Presentation Day we had three members go. Audrey went. She is a primary and she did very well. And then Iris and Isabel both went to the County and received gold, so they went on to Regionals. Isabel received a gold for Regional and is going to state. She just went this week. Iris should hear soon. She went last weekend. I haven't heard yet. Everyone was having really good experiences with that. We met on Zoom and we have a new member. That is exciting. He came this time. We have a new project. We're starting Environmental Stewardship Nature Project. We were able to get some binoculars and field guides from

Rita. Everyone is excited about that. We finished up our arts and crafts projects, a Sculpey project. We will have one more cooking meeting left and we're still hoping to squeeze in a kayaking project in June or maybe late May.

Trabuco Trailblazers - None

Tri-Cities - None

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf - Rachel Horn reported that the kids met in April in person. They had Cupcake Wars in the cooking meeting and made key chains at the sewing meeting. Our livestock has started and the kids participated in Imaginology. We had kids showing sheep and chickens and rabbits. We are still waiting for the goats. Hopefully they come next week and then our vet science project begins. We just arranged in May to actually take a vet tour of the behind the scenes of Sea World.

DSAOC Superkids - None

County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates - Rita Jakel spoke on many subjects

Adjournment - A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. was made by Michelle Mittelstaedt and seconded by Liz Broadbent.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM