

MINUTES

Placer County 4-H Council Meeting

Date | time 2/24/2016 7:07 PM | Meeting called to order by Lee Bastien

In Attendance

Lee Bastien, Lara Lopez, Terry Gage, Michelle Balaguy, Michael Balaguy, Nick Balaguy, Meredith Smotherman, Katy Smotherman, Doris Williams, Darlene Miller, Kathryn Gutherie, Dawn Heywood, Sandy Cohen, Kristen Odell, Linda Cramer, Catherine Cowles, Laura Chambers

Approval of Minutes

Council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting in January. Lee noted a correction needed to be made in the January Minutes regarding a Placer County Funding amount to the State. The correct number was \$200,000. A change in the September minutes were also noted. A motion was made by Terry Gage to accept the minutes pending the two corrections and Dawn Heywood seconded the motion.

Discussion

The State Fashion Review was discussed. A donation requested by the California State Fashion Review was asked from all counties. It was confirmed that the State Fashion Review was being disbanded. LeAnn would find out what the budgetary need is and the Council determined that they could not decide on any amount until they knew.

Dawn Heywood spoke about the Still Exhibits Youth Fair. The turnout was about 70 participants. She found judging the talent impressive.

There was no interest expressed by any Club to staff the Rodeo Table from April 23-24. It was mentioned as a possible fundraising opportunity for a 4-H camp/club etc. in the future.

Placer County 4-H has received \$235 from the California 4-H Foundation (donation) and \$875 from Tractor Supply. Suggestions as to where craft money should go were put in a box on the back table. Craft items were suggested as a possible use for the money. LeAnn wants to spend down that fund and reiterated that the Craft Fair income/expenses traditionally come out even.

Meredith Smotherman and Nick Balaguy presented their Emerald Star Project. They discussed their participation in feeding the homeless with the Gate Keepers in Auburn every first and third Sunday of the month until June. 4-H members were invited to participate by bringing desserts or helping serve at the Mt. Vernon Grange Hall. Dawn made a motion to accept the project and Doris seconded.

Online Record Book Training was offered by Scott for \$54. It would be one or two three hour session with a minimum of 10 people. LeAnn told us that there is already an on-line record book log-in made for each family. There was a proposal made to set a date and to see if there is any interest. April 23rd was proposed with the 16th as a second choice. Terry Gage made the motion and Linda Cramer seconded the motion.

Camp Fees were discussed by LeAnn. Apparently \$3,200 more was spent than was brought in. The military food donation promised did not occur. Currently fees are \$100 per camper. Terry Gage recommended that the Finance Committee look into raising fees. A motion to increase fees to \$125 per camper was approved and seconded by Dawn Heywood with the stipulation that the Financial Committee review the amount every year.

The question of subsidized camperships arose when the Council realized that, although approving three camperships (full scholarships for members in need) to be paid by the County, that an unknown number of camperships may have been funded with neither the knowledge nor the approval of the Council. The Council suspended its action on whether to change the number of camperships until LeAnn determined how many had actually been awarded. No decision was made or will be made until the concerns of the Council are alleviated.

LeAnn discussed the National 4-H promotion of 4-H in March. She apprised leaders that they may get calls from the public regarding this promotion with questions and interest in 4-H.

LeAnn told the Council that for the Lily Day fundraiser (March 6-26) there would be one canister given to each Club. All proceeds initially go into the individual Club account and then a check should be made out to Easter Seals and brought in or mailed to the Office.

The Hulbert and Council Scholarships were discussed. LeAnn requested suggestions for potential community individuals who would be willing to conduct interviews for both scholarships applicants. A clipboard was passed with a sign-up sheet for potential Hulbert interviewees (adults outside of 4-H) among the Council.

Judges were requested from Placer and Nevada counties to help with the Bi-County Fashion Review on 4/30/16.

Dawn Heywood spoke on the Big Day of Giving. A meeting was held on February 21, 2016 and it was determined a message and a marketing plan was needed. The purpose is to get youth involved and all funds raised will go toward Camp. Youth are to create outreach and media talent is needed. The donations are nationwide.

Lara Lopez requested that more youth attend or give a presentation before the Council to encourage their communication and speaking skills.

The Presidential Community Service Award meeting on March 19th was discussed. Beverly wanted everyone to know that all youth who are volunteering a substantial amount of time to community service should be encouraged to contact her.

Terry Gage asked if we had a Youth Fair date set. LeAnn didn't have the date but said that it had been approved previously and should be on next month's agenda. In addition, LeAnn is looking for people who are involved with the Placer County Livestock Auction to write down the names and amounts of anyone who bids on the scholarship animal.

Announcements

Lee Bastien announced that he had toured the Placer County Fairgrounds and that the venue was moving forward on revitalization.

Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:02pm by Teri Gage.

3/23/2016 7:00 PM, Loomis Veterans Hall