

Ventura County 4-H Council
October 24, 2018 - General Meeting
Ventura County Cooperative Extension Office Conference Room

- 1) Heather called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with Sue Poland recording.

In attendance were:

Kitty Beckmann, Vice President
Heidi Marshall, Council Member at Large
Sue Poland, Council Secretary, recording
Annemiek Schilder, County Director
Heather Wray, Council President
Valerie Zeko, Highly Esteemed Staff

Deion Gerhard
Monika James
Gina Larson
Jackie Larson
Ashley Pylar – youth

Virginia Reyes
Amylynn Robinson
Jennie Willoughby
Olivia Willoughby –youth

Flag salute and 4-H pledges were led by Olivia Willoughby and Ashley Pylar.

- 2) **Minutes** from August 29, 2018, meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting (Deion, Jenny) passed unanimously.

- 3) **Treasurers Report – Heidi:** Bank balance as of 10/16/18 was \$21,620.19. There are some outstanding deposits and checks; \$6,338.47 is committed to the SubAccounts; A total of \$9,357.04 is committed. There is \$5,023.48 currently that's discretionary for the Council.

- 4) **Correspondence Report - Jenean:** Nothing to report

- 5) **PDC Liaison Report - Kitty:** All PDC meeting dates are on our calendar on the web page. Please submit any changes to Susana.

- 6) **Committee Reports:**

a) **4-H Office Report - Valerie:**

- **Project Leader Field Day:** An email went out about its rescheduling.
- **Clover Lines:** We have 635 names on our email list. CL is only sent out via email now. This list of names includes local Military 4-H families. (Side note: Every military installation is required to have a 4-H program.) We'd like to include them in more of our county events. CL is now only 3 pages long, containing links to longer articles or items on the blog.

b) **Family & Consumer Science – Rachel McClanahan emailed to Kitty this:**

- **First PDC meeting** will be 11/28.
- **Food Faire** will be 1/26 at Will Rogers School
- **Fashion Revue** will be 3/8 or 3/9 at Will Rogers School

- c) **Equine PDC** hasn't met yet. First meeting is 10/28.
- d) **Small Animal – Amylynn:**
- Their first PDC meeting was tonight and was very well attended.
 - They're working with Virginia to combine small/large animal field day events.
 - Still seeking a few species chairs.
 - They're hoping to do a "Rally O" event. Heidi said that Loma Vista might have the necessary equipment.
- e) **Skills PDC - Heidi:**
- State Record Book evaluation day will be soon – between November and January.
 - 26 books were turned in to the county, and 2 of those were submitted to State.
 - Next year, we will need a new Skills PDC Chair, and someone new to oversee Record Books.
- f) **STEAM - Kitty:**
- Holiday Rock, Paper Scissors is 11/17.
 - The committee probably won't be meeting on 11/8.
 - At the next STEAM meeting, they'll likely be discussing a Spring RPS event as well...
- g) **Southern Area – Edith, in absentia:**
- Edith sent in a written report containing, among other things, event dates:
 - Southern Area Youth Summit: January 18-20, 2019
 - Southern Area Field Day either May 4 or 11, 2019
 - State Field Day at UC Davis June 1, 2019
 - State Animal Science Field Day October 12, 2019
 - Youth Summit 2020 – January 17-19, 2020
 - State Animal Science Field Day 2018 included rabbit showmanship, a presentation on Newcastle disease, ecto-parasites, dog classes, "Soil 101" – lots of good stuff
 - Heather read Edith's written submission including an explanation of the 4 regions in the state, their goal to incorporate more STEM education and expand on Agriculture and Animal Science education. Southern Area Committee is working on Southern Area Field Day and is seeking adult volunteers who might like to help – especially if they have experience as judges or are 4-H alumni.
- h) **County Ambassadors:** Heather shared that in the future, we hope to have involved youth delivering this report – hopefully starting in the spring.
- i) **Friends of 4-H:** Heather described the letter-writing fundraiser program. Last year, State folks offered to help us improve our letter, but when we sent it to them, they had no suggested improvements. We're seeking a "Friends of 4-H Chair" to pull this effort together. If you have suggestions, please email cwrayh@verizon.net. This person would basically update the letter each year, maintain our mailing list, work with the 4-H Rep to get letters out... it's not a big job.
- j) **Large Livestock PDC** (after a traffic-induced late arrival:

- Next PDC meeting is 1/9 at 7:00
- Virginia is working on getting speakers for meetings: a local Vet and a feed rep
- Working on Small/Large Animal Field Day – Virginia hopes to have something more beef-related besides the ask-me booth. Kitty offered that she has books for beef knowledge bowl questions.

7) **Old Business:**

- a) **County Ambassadors:** Heidi and Debbie Meyer-Morris, our new Ambassadors' Coach, met today. The State has published the official handbook – it's very similar to our former All-Star program (including service learning project, a 2-year program cycle – 1st year as a participant, 2nd year as a mentor).

The plan is: On 11/26, there should be an information session. Applications for the program will be available and they're showing a video overview of the program.

To participate, youth must be at least 14.

It's open to participants in all 4-H delivery models, including Military 4-H

1/1/19: 2018-19 program applications will be due

1/7/19: Prospective participants will be interviewed

February: Their first meeting

5/1/19: 2019-20 program applications will be due

6/30: 1st year of the program (a shortened year) will be complete.

These Ambassadors will be the "Face of Ventura County 4-H", participating in all our events, handing out awards, etc. They're also strongly encouraged to take part in leadership conferences.

- b) **Calendar of Events:** It's on the website and includes all PDC meetings and dates.
- c) **Website: ceventura.ucanr.edu.** Both the county and state websites offer lots of good information and resources.
- d) **Project Leader Field Day** has a new date: 11/17 – same as Rock, Paper, Scissors.
- e) **Southern Youth Summit:** This program is for kids ages 9-13 – it's presented by older kids. Early bird registration of \$115 ends November 5. After that, registration is \$135 (and that includes all accommodations, food, activities, etc.)
- f) **Roberts Rules of Order:** Just a procedural reminder that if someone wants to introduce new business in a meeting, that introduction begins with a motion, a second, and then discussion and voting. If you'd like to get something onto the agenda, please email Heather at least a week before the meeting.
- g) **Science Night:** Valerie reported that the committee of 5 organized a great program. Sadly, attendance was poor. We have additional kits available for the coding activity that clubs can borrow, or maybe we can do another Science Night event in the spring. In the future, we need to be more cognizant of potential conflict with local club meeting dates when this event is scheduled.

- h) **Achievement Night:** This event used to be held in November. We moved it into 4-H week to give it more focus. Leslie did a great job with the event, décor, Pictionary, lots of fun. Ashley and Addie presented awards.
- 8) **New Business:**
- a) **Southern Area Committee Youth Member:** The youth that represents us on this committee must be 16+. It's a one-year term. The application is at [//4h.ucanr.edu/files/233325.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/233325.pdf). This year's application was due in August – Anna Sorensen is our representative.
- b) **Club Spotlight:** When clubs do their Clover Lines article, we'd like them to bring a presentation about their club to the Council meeting. They can share information about their projects, food items they've made, or whatever they'd like about their clubs. This presentation would count as a Record Book Presentation credit. (Just like leading the pledge of allegiance counts as a Communication credit.) Discussion also included possibly letting clubs sign up for meeting dates they'd prefer rather than assigning them based on their Clover Lines presence.
- 9) **Anything Else:**
- a) **Small Animal Belt Buckles:** Monika raised a question regarding the new 4-H belt buckle policy which had the unintended consequence of taking belt buckles away from many of our winning small livestock participants. The current policy was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council in March, 2018, and is available for review on our website. Much discussion ensued about belt buckle policy, keeping them "important", keeping their distribution fair among all divisions represented at fair (including Small, Large Livestock, Breeding Projects, and Equestrian), fundraising, etc. Should the Council so desire, that policy could be reconsidered.
- 10) **Meeting adjourned by Heather at 8:54**