

Santa Clara County 4-H Club Council

Tuesday, 9 Mar 2004

President Vicky Bosworth called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were led by County All-Stars

Roll call by club:

Adams

x Calaveras Hills

x Coyote Crest

x El Sereno

x Hilltop

x Homesteaders

Los Gatos

x Pacheco Pass

Piedmont Acres

x Pleasant Acres

x Rolling Hills

San Martin

Westwind

(blank -> no representatives

x -> representatives present)

Reports:

-minutes from last meeting approved as posted.

-treasurer's report approved as presented.

What about the Burrell fund monies? k in front of a line item is from Kuhn account, l is for Lenord account.

Hans has gone thru and has started to send out invites for joining the Yahoo group.

John Haggerty - small animal field day planning meeting this Friday at 7:30 in the board room. May 1 is the SAFD.

Large Animal field day -> 23 March @ 7 pm planning meeting at Bob's house. Food for that day is available to any club if they want.

horse project -> come and talk to Bob about participating

Bob has gotten 200K

WRLF 2005 Feb 23-27 in Sac -> record book opportunity: club level involvement is highly desired. 100 youth will be hosted.

budget issues: Sibby is in attendance tonight. Maria could not attend. no new news other than a lot of VIPs have said that they will try and save UCCE in SCC. SCC part of Cooperative Extension is about 400K, which is what supervisors told Craig to cut. total budget is about 2 M, but all that rest is covered by the university. Many programs are run out of the UCCE, and SCC cannot cut part of the programs and save others. UC has said that it is an all or nothing kind of deal for the UCCE in SCC. Sibby suggests

collaboration with all of the programs in the CE office. If the county cuts the \$400K, they would lose \$1M of volunteering that comes in from master gardeners and 4H. Vicky has been talking with everyone who will listen, and they have all shuffled her back to the Craig guy. If the CE office moves into a building that doesn't cost anything, and if the program is cut to the bone, Maria thinks that she can get by with only \$80k from the county.

Letter writing program: write and fax to county supervisors. Letter should include the fact that the writer is part of the UCCE program called 4H. 1/2 of the budget for the UCCE office is in rent. Can't the supervisors figure out how to cut that expense? Mention that the State level did not take anything out of the UCCE budget. We have been part of SCC since 1930.

We need to make a lot of noise before the 30 March meeting on the budget. Meet your particular supervisor. Take as many from your club as possible.

Include service organizations.

Talk and write to your state assemblymembers and senators to put pressure on the county supervisors to keep the UCCE funded here in SCC.

ideas flowing for who should be contacted, and strategy of how to keep the funding. 4H is willing to help out the county in its dire situation, but why is UCCE taking the whole hit for the budget deficit?

What is the worst case situation if SCC supervisors cut the budget item to fund UCCE office in SCC? the fiscal year 2004-2005 starts July 1. If UCCE office is not funded by the county, the UC could say "No more 4H is SCC."

A "save 4H" day was proposed. Dates were thrown around. April 24 was declared by our council president as that day.

23 March is the next Project Leaders training. Charles Go is coming from Alameda County office to help out. He will talk about the 20 assets that are present in productive adults, and how to develop these characteristics and what not to do to get these.