

Monterey County 4-H Council Minutes

Meeting: August 20, 2013

1. Call to order: President, Cara Brent's called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Monterey County 4-H office. Cara Brent's led the Pledge of Allegiance the 4-H Pledge.

2. Roll Call & Introduction of Guests:

The following County Council Officers, Extension Staff and 4-H Club Representatives were present:

Cara Brents, President (Natividad)	Mary Hughes (King City Blue Ribbon)
TJ Plew, 1 st Vice President(King City Rural)	Trina Hearne (King City Rural)
Rhonda Hurtado, 2 nd Vice President (Mission)	Erik Wilkins & Staci Wilkins (Lockwood)
Dana Guidoti, Treasurer (Mission)	Kristi Trotter (Natividad)
Jacque Palmer (Aromas)	Sheryl Jones & JoAnn Etchison (Royal Oaks)
Kelly Urquides (Buena Vista)	Heidi Gray & Stefanie Burgess (Spring)
Brandi Mount (Chualar)	Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty (Staff)
Natalia Bahena & Tim Lewis (Greenfield)	Lorin Lurz (Staff & Buena Vista)
Christina Kaup & Leslie Lombardi (Gonzales)	

The following guests were present: Megan Brents (Natividad), Morgan Kaupp (Gonzales), Roosevelt Sosa (Greenfield) Jocelyn Sosa (Greenfield), Deirdre O'Grady (Parent), Maria O'Grady (parent volunteer), Catherine Higgins (volunteer)

- 3. Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:** No Additions or Corrections to the Agenda. OK to discuss record book forms and judging during county record book judging committee report
- 4. Secretary's Minutes:** R.Hurtado moved to approve July meeting minutes and motion seconded by T.Lewis Motion carried and minutes approved.
- 5. Treasure's Report:** July 17 – August 20, 2013. Income \$880.34. Expenses \$6,676.74 Beginning Balance \$10,978.09. Ending Balance \$5,181.69. Restricted funds \$723.11. Reserve Totals: \$119,626.65. Combined Checking & Savings: \$124,085.23.

6. Other Officer Reports

President: Cara Brents asked for volunteers to serve on a **fundraising committee** to explore additional opportunities for Monterey County 4-H. No volunteers stepped forward. Cara will make personal calls to invite people to serve on this committee.

Cara also invited discussion about when **council meeting minutes** should be posted on the website. Discussion followed. No motion to change current method of only posting approved minutes.

Cara noted that **State Leader's Forum** (SLF) is in Sacramento and discussion followed about how much council should budget for SLF and what council specifically should pay for leaders to attend. R.Hurtado moved council budget \$1,300 for SLF to pay for leader's SLF Registration and Meals. Should the amount exceed budget, then \$1,300 will be divided equally among the participating club leaders. Motion seconded by T.Hearne. Motion carried and approved.

Vice President: R.Hurtado asked for ideas for “Show me Something Good, Tell Me Something New”. TJ & Rhonda, as Vice Presidents, would like to provide/schedule programming for Club Leaders at meetings.

R.Hurtado read three (3) thank you notes, from Mariah, Ashley & Lucas, to council for paying for their attendance at State Leadership Conference (SLC).

7. Youth Reports

All Stars: Shared pictures and their experiences at State Leadership Conference (SLC). They were very thankful to council and their adult chaperones Catherine Higgins & Bryant Benson.

T LAW: No Report

Other Youth: Megan B. of Natividad shared her experience at SLC. Megan also shared their club’s successful Bunco Party and Officer Installation that had a cookie theme. Cookie theme officer installation is on the county website in the CCL corner.

8. **All Star/T LAW Advisor Report:** C.Higgins thanked the adult volunteers, said the kids were great and that it was frustrating not to have a vehicle at the conference. Her preference would be to have access to a vehicle. There was an issue of a youth that registered for SLC and did not attend. Council was charged for the youth’s attendance. Opportunity to discuss this at a later time on the agenda.

9. Committee Reports:

Camp – S. Burgess reported that the camp directors are exploring other properties to hold camp in 2014. Benefits of a different facility would be increased security and opportunity to increase number of campers (by ten). Downside would be an increase in camper fees. In order to move forward, the facility use agreements for the property would have to be reviewed. After the paperwork has been reviewed and facility approved then council can move forward with approval to move camp and increase fees. Camp directors are moving forward with fundraising efforts in the likelihood camp moves. Funds raised will help offset camper fees.

MCF Food Booth – J. Etchinson and S.Jones reported that everything was moving along smoothly. They thanked everyone for helping on Sunday and will need more help on Tuesday, August 27th, when the large order from U.S. Foods is dropped off at the fairgrounds.

County Record Book Judging – S.Wilkins thanked all of the judges. She provided a 2011-13 comparison and spoke about the differences. There were four (4) disqualifications. She explained that our rules state that if a form is missing then the book is to be disqualified. S.Wilkins would recommend that the Incentives & Recognition committee consider changing the rule so that a record book would lose points rather than be disqualified. She further explained that some of the county forms that are required are titled differently than club (unit) projects so this could lead to confusion at the club level as to what forms are required.

C.Kaup asked about the purpose of the forms for Cooking & Baking.

E.Wilkins noted that this should be taken care of immediately because project leaders are starting to send out information.

C.Brents asked the I&R Committee have a report at the September meeting.

Achievement Night: N.Behana, noted the event would again take place at the Amaral Barn and that the budget would be \$150.00. Most items would be donated by Greenfield 4-H Club.

C.Higgins said the All-Stars are working on the script which will be done soon.

Achievement Night Dance: K.Uquirdes, noted that plans are proceeding well, they may need additional funds to cover food costs. \$800 should be enough but could maybe use some of the money not used by Achievement Night. Reminder: RSVPs are required to attend the dance.

Bowl-A-Rama: Save the date for January 11th.

Expansion & Review: No Report.

Incentives & Recognition: Will try to meet soon to review Primary Member Recognition, Record Books & Scholarships.

Scholarships: M.Hughes announced the three (3) applicants that won the scholarship.

Fashion Revue: No Report.

10. Calendar: Council President, Cara Brent's

- Website articles and pictures due 17 for county website
- Wednesday, August 28th Monterey County Fair Begins
- September 17th, Council Meeting
- September 21st Achievement Night and County Wide Dance at Amaral Barn
- October 1st Beginning of the Year Reports Due to County Offices
- October 6-12 National 4-H Week
- October 15th Leaders Council Meeting in South County
- October 16th Newsletter articles & pictures due
- October 24th Farm Day, Monterey
- State Record Books Due, TBA
- November 8-10, State Leaders Forum (SLF), Sacramento
- November 11, Holiday, County Offices Closed
- November 19 Leader's Council Meeting
- November 20, Newsletter articles & pictures due
- November 27-28 Holiday, County Offices Closed

11. Staff Reports:

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, YDA-After reviewing several of the club books, Lynn had three (3) points about financials. The first is that a club cannot be a member of a Heritage Foundation. Second, all clubs must complete the fundraiser form, 8.7, for all fundraisers annually. Third, clubs must record cash receipts when disbursing cash to members for premiums. M.Hughes asked if it was OK to sponsor a fair award and Lynn stated that would be an appropriate expenditure.

Lorin Lurz, Interim County Program Rep- Note member fee increases and checks are due by October 1st. L.Lurz provided a Club Book Comparison Report and she also noted some of the changes for next year's club books. Reminder that Constitution, Bylaws & Project Rules must be approved annually. Club books will not be returned until September. Please use new forms in the Office Manual. Check out the Community Club Leader (CCL) Corner on the website for ideas to help manage your club. Next volunteer orientation is in Gonzales.

12. Unfinished Business

State Leaders Forum(SLF): See President's Report.

Approved 9/17

Travel Application Process: T.Hearne moved to change council bylaws to read, youth members and adults participating in council sponsored events are to provide a refundable check with their event application. Motion seconded by E. Wilkins. Motion carried. Bylaws to be reviewed at next meeting.

2013-14 Council Budget: M.Hughes made a motion to approve the 2013-14 Budget as amended and motion seconded by R.Hurtado. Motion carried and approved. Final budget attached.

Leadership Event: Discussion followed. No action.

13. New Business:

M.Hughes moved to approve Monterey County 4-H Council Constitution. Motion was seconded by T.Lewis. Motion carried.

Bylaws are still under review and may be approved at the September Meeting.

14. Adjournment

Christina K. moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by S.Wilkins and meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Next council Meeting Tuesday, September 17th at the county Office