

## Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 17, 2015

**Location:** Del Rey School in King City

**Time:** Called to order at 7:09pm by Cara Brents. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Cara Brents.

### **Roll Call:**

President: Cara Brents (Natividad)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Tim Lewis (Greenfield) (absent)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Trina Hearne (King City Rural)

Treasurer: Dana Guidotti (Mission)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Hofmann-Lurz

### **Club Representatives and guests**

Aromas: Julaine Mullaney (youth) Jacque Palmer, Jim Palmer

Buena Vista: Christina McPherson, Kelly Urquides

Chualar: Lisa Musante, Hollie Young

Greenfield: Jocelyn Sosa (youth), Humberto Trujillo (youth)

Gonzales: Christina Kaupp, Madison Kaupp (youth)

King City Blue Ribbon: Mary Hughes, Madison Owens (youth)

King City Rural: Trina Hearne

Lockwood: Staci Wilkins

Mission: Dana Guidotti, Javed Rivera, Christopher Villarreal, Nathaniel Villarreal

Natividad: Cara Brents

Royal Oaks: JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Diane Vorwerck, Jennifer Wasson

Spring: Trent Baldwin (youth), Kelly Violini

Guests: none

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda:** None.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Hana Ferguson

There was a motion to approve the January minutes. Vote and motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup>: Dana Guidotti

2<sup>nd</sup>: Trina Hearne

February minutes were reviewed and put to a vote to approve. Vote and motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup>: Trent Baldwin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kelly Urquides

The secretary read thank you letters from Ellie Milanese, Emily Violini, Rachel Wilkins, Casey Hansen, Hana Vorwerck and Fiona McPherson for LCORT.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dana Guidotti

Beginning Balance: \$10,713.24

Total Income: \$6,420.04

Total Expenses: \$3,907.94  
Ending Available Balance: \$13,225.34  
Morgan Stanley (scholarship): \$55,749.11  
Pacific Valley Bank CD: \$53,974.84  
CD Total: \$109,723.95  
Combined Total: \$122,949.29

The 2015/2016 budget was reviewed and open for review and discussion from the earlier budget session in the same location.

### **Youth Reports/Club Sharing:**

Nathaniel Villarreal from Mission talked about their pancake breakfast fundraiser. Ashley Kaupp shared details on a guest speaker from Taylor Farms for the Gonzales club. Madison Owens from KCBR talked about her club's project to restore the American flags at Del Rey school. Julaine Mullaney from Aromas talked about their ongoing trash bag challenge to help clean up their community.

The president asked clubs to share what officers positions they have outside of the 4-H officers manual. Buena Vista and Lockwood have activity officers that oversees the recreation at club meetings, Aromas and others have healthy living officers that give away healthy living tips every month, and other clubs talked about the roles of hosts/hostesses at meetings.

After these youth reports, door prizes were given away to the youth members in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

### **All Star/CTA Report** (Catherine Higgins (absent)):

Trent Baldwin and Jocelyn Sosa talked about their All Star Meeting and their plan on meeting their individual goals as All Stars. Trent reported that he is excited for the upcoming Color Me Green run to benefit the Washington Focus delegate fund. He hopes to get a big turn out this year in order to make it an annual event. He also reported that plans for the Dippin Dots booth at the Cali Roots music festival is going smoothly and reminded everyone that it will be ran by private employees, not 4-H volunteers.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Incentives and Recognition:**

Review of council High School scholarship and committee recommendations were presented. Updated guidelines were clarified about record book requirements to receive the scholarship monies and put to a vote. Vote and motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jacque Palmer

2<sup>nd</sup>: Christina McPherson

#### **County Presentation Night:**

Gonzales (overall, entertainment, refreshments): A thank you was given to the All Stars for entertaining the kids during tabulations. It was suggested that Refreshments would be a separate committee and that the tabulations committee can pick up a little more work next year. It was decided that a list would be constructed showing the various committees clubs are in charge of and rank them in terms of man hours needed to complete. Clubs will then pick or be assigned to the committees based on man hours and club size.

Lockwood (tabulations, judges trainings): Reported that judging went smoothly this year with great participation from room runners.

Fashion Review: Buena Vista

County wide Fashion Review will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Through the Looking Glass” with emphasis on fashion trends of the past and will have five categories.

Council Food Booth:

Royal Oaks requested two checks for \$100 each in order to make reservations for the food booth and Dippin Dots booth. Request was approved.

**Guest Speaker:** Monterey County Fair Representative Kelly Violini.

Kelly suggested that 4-H kids no longer be required to host the 4-H building and suggested an informational booth staffed by MCF volunteers or 4-H volunteers instead, if interested. This suggested is open to discussion and will be revisited.

**Calendar** The calendar in the agenda was recognized as the current calendar.

**Staff Reports:** Lorin Lurz.

California Focus: Five day event in Sacramento for youth ages 14-19 and is similar to Washington Focus. Deadline to apply is the end of the month.

Bio Security Program: Live stock leaders need to sign up and attend informational meetings on how to lead the research for the nine-county wide bio security program led by UC Davis. Session will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> in Watsonville

SLC will be held at UC Irvine. Registration will end April 30<sup>th</sup>, if every youth who signs up puts that a bus desired then it may be \$50 per person for transportation. Clubs are reminded to put scholarship monies aside to help their members attend.

Presentation Review: California presentation manual is being updated at state. If you would like to make recommendations to the manual it is open for suggestions in April and May. Updated guidelines go into effect in July.

Outreach ideas: Reminder to clubs to make outreach efforts to not only get new members, but new adult volunteers and information to the general public.

Officers: Clubs are allowed to add new officers and have positions filled by multiple people as long as specific guidelines are written about their duties, voted in, and included in club’s bylaws.

Updates and new policies are coming forward from the Statewide Policy Review committee regarding what it means to be a member in good standing.

**Unfinished Business:**

Adopt Incentives and Recognition committee recommendations for record books updates.

(Note: these are the motions worded as they were presented from the recording of the meeting and listened to by the Council Secretary and Program Representative.)

1. This county will allow members to use the 2011 and prior “Summery of Years” OR, the 2011-2014 “Previous Years Records” for both club and county judging.

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3. This county will continue to have a county wide contest for the best project and **add** a contest for best overall books just like at club and state.

1<sup>st</sup>: Christina McPherson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Trina Hearne

Motion FAILED. (1:55 on recorder)

4. This county will adopt and allow the protocol for a “**Verification Book**” . (This is the book that is not judged at club level. It just allows the member to verify they have done the work to receive a star rank which is issued form the county offices.) This excludes junior (11<sup>th</sup> grade) or senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) for the 2014/2015 4-H year. And seniors (12<sup>th</sup> grade) for 2015-2016.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mary Hughes

2<sup>nd</sup>: Christina Kaupp

5. This county will adopt the criteria for a contest and the verification book developed by and recommend by the committee efforts. Due to confusion over this matter, the president did not present for a vote.

6. This county will adopt a “modified version” of the state’s record book scoring system. This will be optional for clubs but the council’s Incentives and Recognition will have to use for the county contest.

1<sup>st</sup> Joanne Etchison

2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Wasson

### **New Business:**

The executive board proposed non-required committee for the purpose of PR, outreach, and fundraising. The responsibility of the county food booth and Dippin Dots at the MCF will be put on independent committees rather than clubs. The idea will be revisited at the next council meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20. Vote and motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup>: Christina Kaupp

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Wasson

### **Next Meeting:**

April 21, 2015 at 7:00 at Monterey County Ag Offices

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H