

Monterey County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2015

Location: Monterey County Ag Office in Salinas

Time: Called to order at 7:07pm by Tim Lewis. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge led by Tim Lewis.

Roll Call:

President: Tim Lewis (Greenfield)

1st Vice President: Trina Hearne (King City Rural)

2nd Vice President: Kelly Violini

Treasurer: Dana Guidotti (Mission) (absent)

Secretary: Hana Ferguson (Buena Vista)

Staff: Lorin Hofamnn-Lurz

Club Representatives and guests

Aromas: Jim Palmer

Buena Vista: Grant Cremers, Christina McPherson, Catherine Miller

Chualar: Angie Horwath, Hollie Young

Greenfield: Daisy Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez (youth), Victoria Hernandez, Cyndra Ramey, Alejandro Villalpando (youth), Tito Villalpando, Trinidad Villalpando

Gonzales: Kelsey Richardson (youth), Mark Richardson

King City Blue Ribbon: Helene Hernandez (youth), Mary Hughes, Kayla Silva (youth)

King City Rural: Kristin Iverson

Lockwood: Erik Wilkins, Rachel Wilkins (youth), Staci Wilkins

Mission: Claudia Guidotti

Natividad: none

Royal Oaks: JoAnne Etchison, Sheryl Jones

San Benancio: Diane Vorwerck, Jennifer Wasson

Spring: Kelly Violini

All Star/CTA: Alyssa Hurtado (Hilltown), Bret Wilkins (Lockwood)

Guest: Ralph Rianda of Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation & Rhonda Hurtado, proposed Hilltown club

Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

Secretary's Minutes: Hana Ferguson

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2015 meeting. Vote and motion passed.

1st: Mark Richardson

2nd: JoAnne Etchison

Treasurer's Report: Dana Guidotti (absent)

Treasurer's Report is tabled until the November meeting.

President's Report: (Tim Lewis)

The council's 2014 Participation Requirements were reviewed at a recent executive board meeting. The executive board agreed to remove redundant passages that were already established by the state 4-H offices or fairs. The states' comments was presented to view. All clubs are to review and add comments prior to the updating by the council officers.

The president announced there was a desire to create a committee that would research fundraising efforts for the scholarship fund, Council, Washington Focus, etc. He asked that volunteer step forward.

All Star/CTA Report: Catherine Miller (All Star advisor), Kelly Violini (CTA Advisor). Catherine congratulated All Star Bret Wilkins on a job well done emceeding Achievement Night. Bret spoke on his work on an upcoming LCORT session that will be focusing on the do's and don'ts of interviewing.

Count Teen Ambassador Alyssa Hurtado discussed her body of work and plans of the upcoming CTA Extravaganza (January 23) where there will be information about record books, presentations, how to achieve star ranks, among others. Information will be sent out to club leaders.

Youth Reports/Club Sharing:

Kelsey Richardson of Gonzales talked about her club's yearly awards banquet to recognize volunteers. Rachel Wilkins of Lockwood talked about being interviewed on the radio during National 4-H Week, her club is also having an upcoming bonfire and community center cleanup. Alyssa Hurtado of the proposed Hilltown club talked about the club's meeting where they introduced rules and policies and voted them in. They also voted in officers and decided on a club name. Hilltown currently has 12 potential members and is waiting for their charter to become official. Bret Wilkins of Lockwood thanked everybody for traveling to South County and shared fun facts about the area. The cake decorating club of King City Blue Ribbon shared Halloween themed treats at the meeting and discussed their ingredients and methods. Youth that gave a report were able to pick out a Halloween themed prize.

Club Sharing:

Clubs were asked about their activities during the holiday season. The traditions among the clubs included pot lucks, parties, community service committees, holiday parades, toy drives, coat drives, and gift exchange.

Guest Speaker: Ralph Rianda of Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation

Mr. Rianda wanted to reach out to high school students in 4-H about raising the heritage animal for the 2016 Salinas Valley Fair. High school students of any year can raise an animal of any species and will receive a scholarship, \$500 cash prize and cost covered to raise the animal. Applications are due in November with winners announced in December.

Committee Reports:

Food Booth Wrap-Up (Royal Oaks, Mission): Joanne Thanked clubs that helped set up and picked up supplies. Profits of the food booth were \$4,990.00, with Dippin Dots profits being \$4,476.86.

Achievement Night Wrap-Up (Greenfield): Daisy reported success and sent out thank you letters. The committee suggest holding the event at the Greenfield community center next year.

Achievement Night Dance Wrap-Up (San Benancio): Jennifer The dinner for achievement night went well and the photo booth was a big hit with the youth. Based on receipts the diner broke even.

Incentives and Recognition (KCR): Trina announced the revised 2015-2016 record book manual. The Record Book Team held a meeting via a state staff webinar. This team should help the council to decide if they are ready to adopt all the changes. There was discussion in which those who were on the call said they were okay. Christina McPherson said she was not ready to adopt as the adult manual was still not posted. No vote was taken. Trina announced the best club book awards. Best Treasurer Book was awarded to Mission, and Best Secretary Book went to Buena Vista.

Small Animal Field Day November 14th (Buena Vista): Christina's committee has had multiple meetings and fliers have been sent out to CCLs. Julie Katowitz of Santa Cruz County 4-H will be a guest speaker.

Fantastic Field Day February 6th (KCR): Trina said it will be held February 6th at Salinas Valley Fairgrounds. Assisting club will receive more information before the next council meeting.

Expansion and Review (San Benancio, Spring): No updates to report.

Camp Report:

Rhonda Hurtado reminded teens aspiring to be counselors to gather letters of recommendation before schools have their winter break. The American Camp Conference will be held at Stateline California/Nevada in 2016. The committee desires to send a representative to the conference, cost will be determined.

Calendar:

The calendar was recognized as current.

Staff Reports:

A Tractor Supply location has opened up in Watsonville and will conduct "clover sales" to benefit Santa Cruz County 4-H.

The new County Record Book Team held a meeting by listening to a webinar provided by the state staff member Gemma Miner. Next meeting will be in January.

Farm Days – please take part but do not ask members to miss school to attend.

LCORT applications are now open. Chaperones are needed for LCORT. Transportation will not be provided.

It is reminded that during the holiday season clubs cannot give money ~~write checks~~ to religious or political organizations. Clubs are encouraged to donate to the Monterey County Food bank that disperse the food throughout the county.

Clubs are encouraged to create welcome packets for new families that includes rules, bylaws, and welcome letters with basic information. A sample from KCBR was provided.

Clubs are required to document outreach throughout the year. based on the reports this year, many clubs' "shorted" themselves by not fully reporting what they did. A form will be passed out each month to document while the details are still fresh in CLs minds.

If clubs want to attract primary members (aka Clover Buds age 5-8) they are to maintain an adult to child ratio at 1:6. This is one of the few projects to be capped due to the low ratio. A training meeting will be held.

The Parent Advisory/Grievance Committees are to be led by clubs and not by county representatives. There are correct steps and protocols to how these committees are to be operated.

Any dates for a Club leader social? (None requested)

New Business:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

1st: Claudia Guidotti

2nd: Rhonda Hurtado

Next Meeting:

November 17, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Salinas Ag Office

Submitted by Hana Ferguson of Buena Vista 4-H