

## **Orange County Council Minutes 10/26/2021**

**Attendance:** Rebecca Russell, Beverly Schrieber, Liz Broadbent, Carrie Coker, Rachel Horn, Sandy Jacobs, Jaimee Rojas, Heather Witcher, Niki Miller, Gain Montes, Kelly Speakman, David Kelly, Michelle Mittelstaedt, Andrew Hargis, Laura Arganza-Castillo, Heather Hernandez, Rebecca Russell, Miller Girls, Johnny Jeanblanc, Brian Montes

**Call to Order:** Brian Montes opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

**Pledge and 4H Pledge:** Done by Witcher Family

**Review Minutes:** Minutes will be reviewed and approved at November meeting.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Approved by Niki Miller and Seconded by Madeyn Mittelstaedtf

### **Checking Balance:**

Beginning Balance August 1 - \$34,325.83  
Check 36724 Regions Cleared - \$1250.00  
10/23 Payment- QuickBooks - \$70.00  
Ending Balance August 31 - \$32,929.83

### **Savings Balance:**

Beginning Balance August 1 - \$18,110.17  
Interest Earned - .15\$  
Ending Balance August 31 - \$18,115.32

**2021-2022 Budget:** Was sent out in an email. Rita put the budget up for review. Brian and Rita went over the budget with all members on the zoom meeting. Debbie Stout had a question. She caught a type O in the expenses of the teen council, county ambassadors and county wide projects. The sub total should have been \$1800.00 not \$1000.00. Niki Miller asked what the Bob Cole and Meritorious Awards are. Rita explained they are outside awards that are awarded to outstanding supporters of 4H. Brian checked all formulas.

**Citizen Science:** Rita stated project proposal was submitted and returned for revisions and clarification. It has been resubmitted and Rita needs to go through it again.

### **County Wide Projects:**

Beginning 4-H -Rita Looking for co-leaders; project to start in January  
Career Exploration - Rita; project start date January  
Citizen Science – Kyle Ward  
Cloverbuds – Megan Blash, Grainne Mulholland, Kelly Jones  
Community Service – Kelly Speakman and Isabel will be supporting leader  
Computer Science – Need a leader. Rita stated there are all kinds of things that she has for the project.  
Creative Writing/Communication  
Dance Project – Kelly Speakman spoke about all the different types of dances they will be teaching

Drone Project – Brian Montes – working on getting a new instructor  
Financial Literacy – Still working on a partner for the project  
Hiking Project – Brian Montes – is ready to go Brian went over all the meetings.  
Leadership Development – Rita working on and will start in January  
Public Speaking – Needs leaders  
Record Book – Up and running  
Rowing – Kelly Speakman on the back burner for now

**Teen Council:** Nicki Miller, Heather Witcher and Dallas Stout are the new leaders, and we are excited to have them on board. Lark and Halina Spoke about what teen council is all about. The first general meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. They put together a flyer for new members.

**Ambassadors:** No update

**Emerald Star Project:** Mollie Hernandez gave her report on her project. She wanted to fill the gap of no Rabbit shows due to Covid. Mollie created a Virtual Rabbit Learning Series and Showmanship show on May 2<sup>nd</sup> via zoom. It was extremely informative. She had Gracie help her with her demonstration part of the report. She did a great job and was thanked.

**Record Book Committee:** Has not met yet this year.

**Scholarship Committee:** Met on October 25<sup>th</sup>. They have made a few changes for to how and when they are accepting applications. Moving forward applications will be accepted monthly and they have created a form that will be submitted. The scholarship recipients will be doing their gratitude presentation in November, and we will probably invite Larry Arnoald as well.

**I&R committee:** Need new Chair. Sandy is still point of contact, but she needs to let a few things go as she is doing quite a bit.

**Outreach and Marketing Committee:** Had a meeting in October. They will be presenting at the November meeting. There is a member that is a marketing person, and he is really helping and giving his professional help. Rita is updating the marketing boxes. The tablecloths were made and look great. The boxes are for check out for clubs to use.

**Leadership Committee:** Needs a committee so we can create a plan so we have leaders for the up coming years.

#### **4H Events 2021 -2022**

**Food Festa:** January 29<sup>th</sup> Entries due 15<sup>th</sup>. Cupcake wars, Videos and prepared food.

**Presentation Day:** March 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Fashion Review:** TBD

**Imaginationology:** TBD

**Club Updates** – Review of the projects each club plans to offer and how clubs are coming along.

**Fountain Valley Cloverdale's** – Maddy M gave the report. In October they had a introduction meeting to all the projects. It went well because we had a few new members. We are hoping to have the projects running in November.

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders and Seeders** – It is bring a friend night so we brought lots of friends. Had a costume party for our October meeting. Everyone attended and we have others that we will be cross clubbing with. We had a horse meeting, Hipology meeting and KV meeting. The Improve meeting had to be cancelled for this month due to an illness. Have two or three new families.

**Fullerton Hills** - None

**Jordan Jaguars** – None

**La Habra Hilltoppers** – Laura stated they had the first informal meeting in October to review projects and they will start in November after sent into Rita.

**Lake Forest Superstars**- None

**Mesa Goathill Gogetters** – Beverly stated they have not done anything this month.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers** – None

**Orange Villa Buckaroos** – None

**San Juan Capistrano** – New Club

**Trabuco Trailblazers** – Greg stated they had their first meeting and had a lot of new families that are interested. They are looking for a new place to have their meetings. Rita mentioned that 4H has had vender agreements so they can use the money to pay their 4H fees if the charter school will allow it.

**Tri-Cities** – None

**Yorba Linda Cloverleafs** – Rachel have had a general meeting in October with costumes and games. They talked about registration and hope to have sewing, cooking, Veterinary science and sustainable agriculture starting in November. Niki asked about Vet Science and Rita stated she will show how to cross club in her presentation.

**Rita's Presentation:** - One Drop So Many Ripples, Countywide Community Service projects was tuned into a virtual project due to the Rec being closed to visitors. Thanks to Kelly Speakman and Rachel Corliss for making that happen. Ambassadors' Letter – Writing Campaign, along with a county wide project. Summer Camp 2020 -2021. Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They trained the Big Brothers and Big Sisters have been trained to help the littles. They made dog toys, cat toys, letting writing, and finger puppets.

4H Visa generated \$150 has been suspended. If you still had money on your card, you should have received a check from Axiom Bank for the balance. Rita received hers so they should be mailed out.

Rita was the recipient of a STEM award. She used part of the award to buy Binoculars, Field Guides for projects to check out.

Enrollment update about 100 awaiting review, there are about 50 incomplete, around 30 or so approved and 45 that have paid program fees. Of the ones waiting review 40% are volunteers. This year there is the Covid training, and some are awaiting live scan. 7% Cloverbuds and 53% members. This year some paid fees but did not due 4H online enrollment. Some enrolled but have not completed their forms. Incompletes are due to not having projects to sign up. Of the approved 41% are Members, 50% leaders and 9% coverbuds. Program fees 66% awaiting approval and 34% approved.

Group enrollments help our demographics. Already group enrolled 115 youth from Boys and Girls Club from Garden Grove Imagine Science Program. Anticipating at least another 100 youth from BGCGG and BGCHV fall and spring Imagine Science Programs. Expect about 150 from HLC Breakfast Club. Youth and teens from BB and BS. School programs are challenging due to restrictions at schools. The bulk of the projects have been approved. There have been some that have been returned for revision.

Updating enrollment please remind members to update their projects as projects are added. Volunteers need to make sure you are putting what type of volunteer you are, and the members need to update too. Rita showed how to update 4H online. She shared the google document so everyone can see the club information and when the meetings are so the clubs can update and clubs what projects are open to cross clubbing forms.

Rita created a google folder so that all documents are together since all 4H websites are still being worked on. She is sending out the email so everyone will have it.

**Adjournment** – 8:35pm

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00pm (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4H Meeting – Tuesday, November 23, 2021 23, 2021 at 7:00pm (Virtual)

Respectfully Submitted by  
Gina Montes