

## Orange County Council Minutes

### Saturday, June 25, 2022, 1-3:30 p.m. - In-Person with Clover-Joyed Event

**Attendance:** Rita Jakel, Sandy Jacobs, Bri Jokerst, Vanessa Walters, Beverly Schrieber, Michelle Mittelstaedt, Maddy M., Megan Blash, Lolita B, Liz Broadbent, Sheyla Jacobs, Guest from Northern Cal, Mark Beckman, Michaela B., James B, Nikki Miller, Lark M., Aria M., Rowan M., Susie Franklin, Helena Hargis, Debbie Stout, Dakota S, Dr. Dallas Stout, Paul Jacobs, Rita Clemons, Casey Anderson, Laurelyn B, Rita Clemons, Janel Buechler, Joseph Buechler, Abby W, Heather Witcher

**Call to Order:** President, Sandy Jacobs, called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

**Handouts** available for attendees included the meeting (1) Agenda, (2) May Minutes, (3) an expanded Treasurer's Report (January 2022 - May 2022) and the (4) Clover-Joyed Spring Recognition Event & Family Fun Day information.

**Pledges:** Maddy M. led the Pledge to the American Flag and Lolita B. led the 4-H Pledge.

**May Minutes:** After reviewing the May County Council minutes, a **motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Michelle Mittelstaedt, seconded by Bri Jokerst and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Jacobs read the Bank Account information from January 2022 thru May 2022 for our approval. A **motion** to accept the reading of the monthly bank amounts was made by Nikki Miller, seconded by Vanessa Walters and passed. Motion to remove and add signers to county bank account - A **motion** to **remove** the names of Brian Montes, Gina Montes and Roberta Garcia as signatories and to **add** the names of Bri Jokerst and Vanessa Walters as signatories to our Bank account was made by Bri Jokerst, seconded by Vanessa Walters and passed. This will allow us to write checks and conduct business.

### New Business Discussion

**Installation of 2022/2023 Board Members** - Rita Jakel conducted the installation. Sandy Jacobs is replacing Brian Montes. Beverly Schrieber is replacing Gina Montes. Bri Jokerst will be the new VP and Vanessa Walters will be the new Treasurer. Michelle Mittelstaedt and Maddy M will be the new Corresponding Secretaries. They will work as a team. We all lit our candles from the central candle and were honored. Sheyla said that this is a nice tradition whenever we have new members lead in 4-H.

**Finance Committee** - Need a few members to assist with the following: **End of Year Financials** - July 21st - **2022/2023**

**County Budget Planning** - Aug. 18th. We hope to have our budget approved in August so that we can start spending money as needed. **Scholarships** will need to be sent out. We really need members to come and help - Senior members and up.

**State Healthy Living box** w/activities: Community Club leaders have received a box with fun activities. There are 5 activities that we are encouraged to use in the next year. If you are able to get together with your club and return 2 of the surveys by the July 15th deadline, your club will receive \$80.00.

**Club Outreach** forms are Due on July 31st. Document the activities that your club did during the past year. Send it on to Rita.

**Club/County Financials** forms are due to Rita by August 15th.

**Guest Speaker:** Rita introduced 2 guests for today. Rita Clemons is the County Director for Orange, Riverside & San Bernardino. By way of introduction, Rita said that the Farm Bureau has been a tremendous support for Orange County 4-H programs over the past few years giving to our general support fund in a very generous way. Last year they helped us build our endowment that we started. The state started to offer counties endowments starting with \$10,000. Our Orange County 4-H Council decided to contribute \$15,000 because we had it in our savings. Kindly the Farm Bureau matched that for us. The first year of our endowment, we started with \$30,000.00. The commitment that our board made was that this money would be left there until it reached, hopefully, \$100,000.00. When it reaches this point, it will create an income for Orange County 4-H forever, roughly to the tune of 4-5 thousand a year in operating money. We won't have to wonder how to afford pins. There will be this ongoing legacy forever. While the Farm Bureau agreed to continue to contribute, this current year, they gave another \$15,000.00 to our endowment and they also gave a \$15,000.00 contribution to our general fund which also helps to offset Rita's salary and other parts of our program. Now, this year they made a 5-year commitment to the county and it is increasing every year. They contribute to our general fund and our endowment. In the course of 5 years, they will have contributed \$110,000.00 to our general support fund and \$110,000.00 to our endowment. We will reach our \$100,000.00 goal for the endowment early. We will have an incredible legacy for our Orange County 4-H. We are so proud of all of their help. We are really grateful and we really thank you. We thank several other members of the board too. Whenever you see them around, be sure to say "Hi" and Thank you. A gift was given to Casey Anderson as a thank you for their help.

**Casey Anderson** spoke on behalf of the Orange County Farm Bureau. He told of the support that the Orange County Farm Bureau gives to Orange County in many ways. Casey was a 4-H member from the age of 9 in the San Diego Area. He raised lambs and pigs until he reached High School and went into FFA. He also did cake decorating and record keeping. 4-H has a special place in his heart. He is originally from San Diego County. He was part of Valley Center 4-H Club. His mother was an ag teacher in middle school for her whole career. His family was not in commercial farming but he was surrounded by agriculture and was fortunate to have space to raise some animals. He is seated on the California 4-H Foundation Board which does the statewide fund development for 4-H through UCANR. That came about through recognizing how Orange County Farm Bureau specifically can support the Orange County 4-H. Farm Bureau is a non-profit grass roots membership organization that is not

funded by the government at all. We are an advocacy group for farming as an industry in the counties. There are 53 counties in California. Some of our offices represent 2 counties at the same time if they are small. Their whole mission point and purpose is to tell the agriculture story to legislators, regulators, the public and consumers. We support agriculture as a viable industry. Orange County Farm Bureau was started in 1917. They are over 100 years old, operating with the same mission. About 40 years ago we opened up the first certified Farmers Market at the OC Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa Farmers Market every Thursday. It has been running over 40 years continuously now. Today we operate 9 certified Farmers Markets. Some of the larger ones in Orange County is the Irvine Farmers Market, Mariners Church, Laguna Beach Farmers Market, Laguna Niguel, Downtown Tustin and many others. They are all listed on their website. [ocfarmbureau.org](http://ocfarmbureau.org) Over the course of 40 years, farmers markets have gained in popularity. They have been their financial bread and butter. They keep their doors open and their mission relatively unchanged - still representing farmers and commercial ag in Orange County. As the commercial ag footprint has shrunk so too has their priorities of focus where we see that we have a strong financial base from which to work but the immediate priorities have naturally shifted away from the nuts and bolts of representing the immediate needs of Orange County farmers. So what things should we focus on? It became clear that it could be, especially in Orange County the next generation of agriculturists. Obviously that dove tails perfectly with 4-H and FFA and other ag educational programs. The Farm Bureau here at SCREC has created an endowment that is shared by the director of South Coast Regional Extension Center for programs as they partner with UC Irvine Culinary program. These students are onsite planting, harvesting and using plants as part of their culinary program. Also the food service folks work to show food is produced and where it comes from. Also 5 or 6 Orange County High Schools get field trips to come out and plant potatoes early in the year, come back later to harvest the potatoes and cook them up. Researchers also study at SCREC on integrated pest management, soil health and fertility, and basic pest and bee management. Their mission is fairly broad but at the same time fairly simple, advocating on behalf of agriculture. One way to do that is to make sure that young people of today can see that there is a huge variety of careers available in agriculture, not just in food production or raising animals; but, in horticulture and all the sciences that feed into this. Next time you shop at a Farmers Market, feel good about it. Know that you are supporting California - local farmers - and also that your money is coming to Orange County Farm Bureau, which then in turn is coming to the young people interested in ag. Thank you, so much Casey Anderson.

#### **Committee Updates**

**Record Book Committee**- Bri Jokerst stated that we need volunteers for end of year RB Evaluations on September 24th. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the room for all of the committees.

**Scholarship Committee** - Sandy Jacobs said that we are at the end of our year. There is still money available. If there are still members who would like to go to State Leadership Conference (SLC). Camp scholarship deadline is closed. Michaela Beckman spoke about SLC for members 13 and older. The in-person will be held at UC Davis Campus from July 29th - 31st, with leadership workshops & teen building activities. You will meet teens from all across the state. Registration closes July 8th. There will be a virtual event on July 23rd.

**Outreach & Marketing Committee** - Rita said that they are developing a new brochure. Orange County Week at the Fair will be July 23-30 in the Barn. They are also working on getting yard signs in time for National 4-H Week (1st full week in October).

**Leadership Development** - Rita would like to have help with the planning of the Leadership Summits.

#### **4-H Event Updates**

**Summer Fun - Starry Night Family Movie Night** - July 9th, 2022 at 7 pm at SCREC - Sandy explained that they have planned some **Space Themed Games**, a **Space Themed** family friendly movie and some **Stargazing** after the movie. Bring your telescope. Bring your friends too.

**2022/2023 Registration** - Sandy explained that enrollment opens on July 18th, 2022. Leaders and members may get an early start. Leaders may do training and be up and running in August.

**Summer Fun - Virtual Backyard BBQ Cook-Along & Campfire** - August 20th, 2022 at 5 p.m. via zoom. Zoom along with us while cooking & sharing recipes with everyone. Stay online for campfire songs and scary stories. If you have more ideas, contact Sandy.

**Record Book Evaluations**-September 24th, 2022. Please have your club leader sign them and they are due here at county by September 22nd.

**Fall Clover-Joyed**-TBD-Need Committee

**Food Fiesta**-January 28th, 2023 - SCREC - Chair-Sandy Jacobs would like to have a committee.

**County Field Day**-Need Committee - **In-Person** - March 4, 2023 - **Virtual** - March 5-18, 2023

**Fashion Revue**-April 15th -Sheyla Jacobs and Beverly Schrieber volunteered to share the committee.

**Imaginology**-April 15-16, 2023 - There will be a stage available at the OC Fair. We need an Imaginology committee to help evaluate and prepare for this event. This is definitely a team effort with a committee working in various areas. (Livestock & Building)

**OC Fair outreach table**-July 23rd-30th - Online Google form. Please sign up to help. 2 free tickets to work at the table, free parking and this is a 3-hour shift.

**Club Updates** - Review of Club activities: projects, meetings, events, etc.

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales** - Maddy M said that they had their June, End of the Year Celebration with home living activities.

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders** - Liz Broadbent reported that End of the Year Event on June 12th. The Horse kids rode and showed everyone what they learned all year. They then went down to the house and had a Pot-Luck BBQ. The Officers were installed. Thank you's were given to all of the leaders in appreciation for what they have done all year. The officers had a good time. They had games, archery, good food and fun. Baking club made the desserts.

**Fullerton Hills** - Rita said that they are going to become a special interest club - associated with school.

**LaHabra Hilltoppers** - None

**Lake Forest Superstar** - None

**Mesa Goathill GoGetters** - Beverly Schrieber reported that they did not have a meeting last month.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers** - None

**Orange Villa Buckaroos** - None

**Trabuco Trailblazers** - Bri Jokerst said that they are planning for next year.

**Tri-Cities** - None

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf** - None

Sandy said that this year we have 4 county clubs represented on our County Council Board (Fountain Valley, Fullerton Feeders-Breeders and Seeders, Trabuco Trailblazers and Mesa Goathill Go-Getters). We are here for all of you.

**County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates** - Rita gave a wonderful Update of county events. Her information will be e-mailed to the members soon.

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. was made by Lola B, seconded by Rowan Miller and passed. Please stay for Clover-Joyed Awards

**Next Executive Board Meeting**-Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM (Virtual)

**Next Orange County 4-H Meeting** - Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM (In-Person)

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Recording Secretary

