

FRESNO COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL



Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:37pm
2. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge: Miranda Moya
3. Introduction – Alpha by Club
 - a. ACE: Tamika Thomas
 - b. American Union: Hannah Rothenfluh
 - c. Blossom Trail: Sarah Wooten
 - d. Fairmont: Janet Moore, Cambria Dyes, and Erin Collup
 - e. Fowler: Jane Bedrosian, Marlene Miyasaki
 - f. Kerman: Harinder Sran
 - g. Kingsburg: Lisa Kliewer
 - h. Lone Star: Nettie & Zach Niles
 - i. McKinley: Angeleene Sanchez
 - j. Reedley: Michelle Ward
 - k. Renegades: Miranda Moya, Yoann Moya
 - l. Rural Route: Georgene Deiner, Carol Wenstrand
 - m. Sanger: Audrey Bonomi
 - n. Sierra: Susanne Carroll, Shaun Skierka
 - o. Valley Stem: No representative
 - p. Admin Office: Tracy Newton, Elizabeth Ramirez
4. Review Agenda – Add Fashion review, small animal and sheep field day for standing committees and upcoming events. Change 12.f to Sheep Field Day to 6/29. Camp dates have changed as well; 6/25-29. Giving Tuesday and branding for social media pages added to agenda.
5. Minutes - September minutes were reviewed. Motion: Shaun Skierka Second: Marlene Miyasaki. Minutes approved.
6. Treasurer’s Report- Tamika Thomas. Discussion: Maturity date for CD’s: Making arrangements for the withdrawal. Approximately 750 to be paid. -3500, 1k projection for next year. Account #11 and 14 to a positive status. We have not withdrawn for two years. Approved to file.
7. Correspondence – Tracy Newton. Multiple thank you notes shared in appreciation of scholarships, pins, sponsorships, etc.
8. Ambassador Report – Miranda Moya. Service learning projects: bravery bags (for Children’s Hospital PICU & Neurology departments and Golden State Family Services foster care organization). They will make bags and fill them with various supplies. Donations for the bravery bags, from clubs, would be appreciated. They are currently making a flyer and will share it with all the CCL’s once the list of needed supplies is ready. The Ambassadors visited the Fresno Madera Farm Credit luncheon to receive a check, represented 4-H at the Manufacturing Summit with the Valley STEM 4-H Club, and received a check on behalf of the County from the Sanger Masonic Lodge.

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9. Community Service Updates – Reminder for all clubs to report online through the county website.
 - a. Susanne Carroll, Sierra: An opportunity for 4-H sewing groups to partner with the Fresno Gem and Mineral Society. The organization could use help sewing the little bags that they put polished rocks in. Email Susanne for contact info.
 - b. Michelle Ward, Reedley: Each year after the fair Reedley 4-H members visit the Palm Village Retirement Community and spend two hours with their residents. The members bring their fair animals and still exhibits and let the residents pet their animals while they talk about their still exhibits from the fair.
10. 4-H Zsuite – Tracy Newton. Updates on system: Improvements are on the docket with the creator. With returning volunteers, the lapse of grace period between getting approved, is ending soon. Returning volunteers must enroll and be activated by December 15th. Failure to re-enroll may result in needing new livescans.
11. Business- Standing Committees
 - i. Fresno Fair – Review, Email to Tracy suggestions, issues, ideas for future- Participation in both FFA & 4-H same species policy reviewed.
 - ii. Livestock Judging Day- Erin Collup. Event coming up 11/18. There will be five species + meat judging, like usual. She encourages everyone to bring umbrellas due to rain in the forecast. Lunch will be provided.
 - iii. Livestock Achievement Day – Susanne Carroll. The event will be at Reedley College on April 20th. Looking for parent helpers. They will start at 9am and be done around 11:30am. The written portion to follow or accommodations can be arranged if attending Fashion Review. It is recommended to arrive to Livestock Achievement Day early and work with the volunteers on site to get in and out quickly.
 - iv. Incentive & Recognition – Zach Niles. There is a new achievement program for Events Attended and Community Service, both are optional and created to fill gaps in the new achievement system. It is not a part of the record book, but submitted at the same time. Record books and/or APRs are not required. It includes primary members. Those in the historical Star Rank System will be eligible when they switch to the new achievement system. Forms will be available in Word, PDF, and Google Docs. The program has been launched as of 11/14 meeting.
 1. New Achievement Program Supports
 2. Proposed County Level Emerald Star I Support - Dates TBD at next I&R Meeting
 - a. Monthly 90 minute Zoom meeting for both members and adult mentors
 3. Next I&R Meeting December 14th
 - v. Festive Food Faire – Cambria Dyes. The event will take place on January 20th. Registration starts at 11am. The new/rotating category for this year is salads. The pre-registration link is available. Next year and beyond, the committee is considering the idea of establishing an entry fee to cover costs (plates, forks, etc.) while still keeping the event affordable. The snack bar will be provided by LoneStar-Fowler.
 - vi. County Presentation Day – Georgene Diener. The committee would like to think outside of the box and add additional activities to fill the down time and entice other members to attend. Send ideas to Georgene. The snack bar will be provided by Renegades.
 - vii. Color Me Green – Carol Wenstrand. The event will take place April 6th at Dry Creek Park. It will have a similar format as last year; there will be face painting, animal displays, etc. The

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committee will meet again on 11/30. Looking for youth members to be a part of the planning. Business sponsorships welcome—contact Carol.

- viii. Fashion Review - Shaun Skierka. Waiting for categories from the state. Embellishment will be a county category. There will be sewing machines as prizes for Fashion Review (thanks to a generous 4-H family donation). The event will be on April 20th at the Fairgrounds. Possibly at 2pm, but time TBD due to the amount of entries.
- ix. 4-H Fair – Janet Moore. The barn will operate like last year with pygmy goats, poultry, and rabbits. Judges are lined up and planning is on schedule. The 4-H Fair committee could use a new adult to shadow Cindy in May and work on the still exhibit side of the event as Cindy transitions out. Cambria also is transitioning out as assistant coordinator of stills.
- x. Clover Fest Report – Georgene Diener. A check was presented to 4-H by Nathan Williams and the Sanger Masonic Lodge for \$39,486.14. This year’s event will be held on June 1, 2024 at the Ali-V venue. The first meeting to prepare for Clover Fest 2024 will be held on Tuesday, November 28th via Zoom, 7pm. The committee is looking for 4-H alumni (past families and members) to join the committee. Contact Georgene with contacts that she can personally invite to be a part of the event planning process. Links are provided in the Guidelines.
- xi. Summer Camp – the date has been changed to June 25 - 29. Junior Counselor Applications are due by November 20th. Note: The last day of camp falls on Sheep Field Day.

12. County Announcements/Discussion

- a. Council Date conflicts for Feb and July – Tracy Newton. Due to date conflicts, the council meeting dates have been moved to the following: February 20th and July 16th.
- b. Club Enrollment 1st Installment payments due Nov 30th. Be sure to include print out to show who you are paying for with checks.
- c. Window Display Winners- 1st Reedley & Renegades, 2nd Lone Star, 3rd Kingsburg (Honorable mention Rural Route & Fowler)
- d. Volunteer Educators Guide, New CA 4-H Resource Center site. Links on the website.
- e. Judging Contest at Festive Food Fair- Anne will need each club to provide a judging class board for January. Either Plants & Mechanical or Consumer Science. Need Volunteers also.
- f. Sheep Field Day – June 29 (falls on last day of camp)
- g. Branding for Social Media Pages – Make sure all clubs add “of California” to 4-H clubs’ social media pages (ie: Lone Star-Fowler 4-H of California) May use CA

13. Please review website and read newsletters. Many improvements – Get articles to Tracy or Georgene Diener by 20th of month for publishing.

14. February 20th is the next Council Meeting Date

15. Adjourn. Motion: Georgene Deiner and Second: Jane Bedrosian 8:28pm

Minutes submitted by: Nettie Niles, Council Secretary