

County Council Meeting Minutes **6/22/2021** oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com

Attendance: Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Beverly Schriber, Bird Garcia, Elizabeth Broadbent, Esperanza Reyes, Niki Miller, Helen Chen, Rebecca Russell, Maddy M., Lauren R, Melissa Sara, Gina Montes, Wes Alcott, Jillian Book, Heather Hernandez
The meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:12 p.m. by President, Brian Monte.

Pledges - The Pledge to the United States Flag was led by Maddy M and 4-H Pledge was led by Lauren R.

Minutes - The Minutes were reviewed and a **Motion** to approve as presented was made by Wes Alcott, seconded by Bird Garcia and passed.

Treasurer's Financial Report - Bird Garcia gave the following report: For the month of May we started at \$35,881.79. We have had a deposit of \$643.00, a deposit of \$432.36, and a deposit of \$992.00. We had a bank transfer of \$15,000.00 for the Endowment. We had a withdrawal of \$35.00 for the Quickbooks software. Our ending balance for our checking for the month of May was \$52,014.15. For our Savings Account, we started at \$33,114.47. We had a bank transfer of \$15,000.00 which took us to \$18,114.72. Our interest earned was 25 cents. So that is currently what I have. \$15,000.00 Endowment check is still pending. Brian Montes said that check was mailed last weekend. A **motion** to accept the Report as presented was made by Wes Alcott, seconded by Gina Montes and passed. Brian Montes said that we're going to want to convene our Finance Committee in July, so we can work on the 2022 budget and have something ready to roll and present at our first meeting in August meeting.

New Business Discussion

Project Leader Standard Operating Procedure's 2021/2022 year - Brian Montes said that there will be some changes as we go into 4-H year 2021-2022 in terms of how we structured things. One of the things I want to talk about is on the agenda to project leaders - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). We want to be able to have more guest speakers and that's something Sandy will touch base on in a little bit, very similar to when we had Josh come and talk to the group about the Drone Project. We are going to work on lining up some additional guest speakers for the new year. I want to define guest speakers vs project leaders. A guest speaker is somebody that basically comes out for one evening or one session with registered leaders in attendance. Those people do not need to be registered as leaders with this in person or virtual event. We can bring a guest speaker. Where we have to make sure we are careful is if we have that guest speaker run a project. For the next go round on the Drone Project, Joshua will have to become a project leader. He will need to get fingerprinted, do the training and get registered. If that guest speaker is going to lead a project, they need to become a registered leader and that's how we're going to operate as we move into this next year in order for us to make sure that we only have registered leaders running events. A couple of things are going to change as we go into this year, the projects will not become available at 4-H online until we know that those project leaders have done their background checks, done the training and are registered. Projects will not even become live and available for interest to register until we know these project leaders are complete.

Guest speaker classification and project leader classification - Brian also explained that we are going to allow up until December, for people that are coming on board to get themselves registered, get their fingerprints done, and get all their training done. If they're not done by December we're going to drop them. We've got to make sure that we don't have anybody slip through the cracks that isn't registered, done the background checks, etc, etc. December will be the cutoff. If somebody joins a project in January of next year, and say "I want to run a project." - that's not a problem. They're new to it. That's the exception to the rule. Everybody coming in at the beginning of the season, we want everything done no later than December of this year.

Meeting Schedule for 2022 - August - In person only - September - In person only - October - Hybrid - November - Virtual - January - In person only - February - Hybrid - March - Hybrid - April - Virtual - May - In person only - June - In person only.

Mixed methodology - In person, Hybrid, Virtual - Then we'll start with the meetings, scheduled for 2022 which will get up on the calendar, but we've taken all of your feedback in. We're going to run a year in a mixed methodology, meaning that some meetings will be in person, some will be virtual and some will be hybrid. So it's going to be a mixture throughout the year, and so, for August it's going to be in person only and we want that, because we want to bring everybody back and be able to get the year started. September will be in person only as well. October will be hybrid. November will be 100% virtual which I think you all appreciate, as we go into the holidays. January will be in person. February will be hybrid. March will be hybrid. April will be virtual. May and June will be in person only. So it will be a mixture throughout the year and there's reasons behind each. Each event or each meeting as to why it's in person only. In August we want to do in person to welcome back everyone and want to get some energy going for the year - get people in person and chatting. June 28 the reason we want to do in person for the June meeting is because that's when new leadership is installed for next year, and at each club level. We want everybody to hopefully show up and be able to do an introduction as to who is going to be leadership for the next year and really have a conversation around that and get those introductions done & voting as well. That's why it's in person. There's logic behind each month as to why we've chosen - in person - versus hybrid - versus virtual.

Countywide Project Proposed for 2021/2022 year - Citizen Science - Cloverbuds - Community Service - Computer Science - Dance - Drone - Financial Literacy - Creative Writing - Rowing. Brian said that here are the projects that we anticipate that will be on the calendar, as we go into this next year. We know Citizen Science will be continuing. We know the Cloverbuds, Community Service, Computer Science should all be continuing. We've got some project leaders that are very interested in offering a Creative Writing Course. Dance will continue. The Drone Project will continue. We are talking about trying to provide some type of Financial Literacy Project for this 4-H year. Leadership Development, Record Books and then a really exciting one is a Rowing Project. We will have Career Explorations and Beginning 4-H. If anybody else has any other ideas for new projects to throw out that you'd also like to run, we're open to it. This is what we have developing for the 2021- 2022 year already. We've already got some dates around this. Leaders can be able to populate that calendar probably over the next four to six weeks with some firm dates for all these projects. It definitely will be a year, where people coming into 4-H will have much more visibility on projects timing and working around their calendars. Rita also added that she attended a webinar about the **cooking Academy**. It's designed to be a Teens As Teachers Program where the teens teach the younger kids cooking and it's all a preset curriculum. It's really great. We also have Mindfulness and one of the team leaders has the whole mindfulness curriculum and the importance of it and Cloverbuds and maybe we want to expand that. You may want to do something with Robotics. We do have curriculum for that, too. Those are some other ideas and then, if anybody else wants to jump in and offer different projects, we're happy to do it. Rita mentioned this at Leader Roundtables. The message is clear that nobody felt that these projects were in conflict with club projects. This is just another enrichment opportunity for our kids.

Sandy Jacobs said that as Vice President, one of my roles is to help bring some type of entertainment, guest speakers, to our meetings so if you have any recommendations, let her know. We have one coming in September. I'm going to leave it to Rita to give more information about it. But we are looking for about three to four more. If you have any suggestions, please email them to us so that we can make that contact.

Reports

Teen Council Update - Rita said that we need some someone dynamic person to take the lead for teen Council for next year. We already have some kids who have expressed interest. I would love to have somebody help but someone who can take that role and run with it and have that stepping stone to ambassador.

County Ambassador Reports - Esperanza said that she just wanted to send off our three County Ambassadors, who are graduating and going in college and we hope they'll keep in touch with 4-H of all the great things and contributions that they gave to our 4-H Orange County. **Eric Castillo** has been in 4-H for nine years. He was a County Ambassador, President, platinum star. At his school, he was four years in the band, first Chair all years, four years of Spanish bilingual status, he graduates with IB certificates in math science and Spanish and we're very excited he's going to UC Riverside. We're really excited. He is going to major in biology and in the future, he foresees himself as a professor of biology. The next person is our very own **Dominique Montes**, Orange County Ambassador. Ambassador for Teen Council and La Habra Hilltoppers member in 4-H for eight years, platinum star, raised so many animals, as you can see, probably more than that and so many championships- best of show- market breeding -showmanship and not only that she is a mentor to younger children. She's trying to instill in them a love for animals and I love for 4-H. Dominique and her parents, of course, have contributed and opened up their home to 4-H and we're very grateful for what she does, and we know she's going to keep in touch with 4-H and she's going to Reedley College watch focuses on animals and that Vet Science. Last but not least is **Lauren Reyes**, who she had been in 4-H for six years, California State Ambassador, County Ambassador, platinum and gold star. She was her High School Valedictorian, IB Diploma Recipient, Presidential Gold Award Recipient, which is the top 100% of the nation of students and she is going to Stanford University. Thank you, Lauren, for all the support you've given to your County your Club and represented us at the County level. She's has been asked, while she's at Stanford, to help in the State level for 4-H, permitting her studies. I want to send off these County Ambassadors with a "Thank you" for all you did for 4-H and "Thank you" for being mentors for other children. Rita said that she would like to add that one of our remaining ambassadors just found out that she's going to be a State Ambassador **Serafina Martinez**, who is representing us at the State. We will have another State Ambassador.

Committee Updates

Nomination Committee – Allison and Liz - Done

Record Book Committee – Chair Allison Kari - None

Scholarship Committee – Chair Sandy Jacobs wanted to say that our next deadline for scholarships is November 15 (Rita says Oct. 15) and those will be for all our fall and winter events, and then the next deadline for our spring and summer events for next year will be February 15.

I&R Committee – We still need a chair! None

Fair & Imaginology Committee – Chair Maryam Handley

Outreach & Marketing Committee - Brian said that they are in the process of forming an outreach and marketing committee and we do have one. The gentleman from Trabuco who runs his own marketing agency, is willing to be on that committee. Rita and I are just trying to get a second meeting with him. We can do an audit of all the marketing assets that we currently have. This will help us start to craft strategies on marketing for the 2021 2022 years. Rebecca Russell wishes to serve on this committee. Niki Miller suggested magazines at the libraries (you get a whole lot more parents) and Parenting Magazine.

Leadership Development Committee - Rita needs help with would like to have input and participation in planning the leadership development project and the Leader Summits and Roundtables.

4-H Event Updates

Record Book Evaluations - Sept. 26

Fashion Revue (TBD) – Chair Heather Hernandez - No new date

Presentation Day (March 5, 2022) – Chair Wes Alcott

Giving Tuesday - Dec

Big Dig Day - June

Imaginology - April 8-10

Food Fiesta Recap (1/29/2022) – Chair Sandy Jacobs

Clover-Joyed Spring Recognition Event - Oct. 2, again in June.

OC 4-H Fair 2022 - ?

Rita said that there were two awesome suggestions from our Leader Roundtables - one was to **Color Code** the calendar - and I'll also try to do that with the **Google Calendar** on the website. Another great suggestion was not only putting the date of the event, but a **due date** or **submit by** date on the calendar so that's also in the planning stages of making sure that both of those things are on the county calendar in advance.

Clubs Updates

Fountain Valley Cloverdales - Maddy M reported that they recently had our last meeting celebration at a skating rink and we had a lot of fun.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders - Liz Broadbent said that they are showing what we learned this year and then we have a Barbecue and we're doing the installation of officers and doing an awards thing, also handing out our awards that were received from last week. Niki added that they are going to State on Thursday. They are filming for state and horse show.

Fullerton Hills - Wes Alcott said that we all have animals. Brian's in charge of it and really I just kind of help out. The kids are gearing up for an easy fair - when it comes to move in and signage. We don't need any signage. There's no Clean Barn Awards. We don't have to rethink about or worry about keeping the House clean. All the kids are having a blast. They're just getting their animals prepared.

Jordan Jaguars - None

La Habra Hilltoppers - Lauren R said that they are hoping to have an in person end of the year celebration. The club leader, Mrs. Castillo, still needs to figure out how exactly we're going to do that with social distancing. Since everything is winding down, I think we will get more information soon, and I hope I get to see some people in person.

Lake Forest Superstars - None

Mesa Goathill Gogetters - Bev reported that we had our meeting /Party. We had a good time. It was by zoom. The officers each came up with something special to do and Little Miss Lola had a joke in between each event mentioned. At the end she told a tongue twister "Cooks cook cupcakes quickly". Say that five times. We have two officers. We're hoping to get more. Rita already honored Serafina for being chosen as a new State Ambassador. We are very proud of her.

Orange Acres Backbreakers - Melissa Sara said that they had their last meeting on Saturday, and fortunately it counteracted with the Clover Joyed event, but it was the only time that our people could go. We had a great turnout, we had it up at the Ranch so all the kids got to see the different projects that we had. We kind of had an Open House for Newbies. We brought some new people in so they can decide what they want to do in the next year. We elected our officers and so we've got our full board already set up ready to go for the New Year. We're just hurrying to get ready for Fair

Orange Villa Buckaroos - None

Trabuco Trailblazers - None

Tri-Cities - None

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf - Jillian Book said that they just had their End of the Year BBQ/Last Meeting. It went really well. The kids had a lot of fun. We have our new board and they were up at the Ranch practicing for Fair.

DSAOC Superkids - None

County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates - Rita spoke with the power point - Deadlines for 2020-2021 Wrap-Up - Outreach Documentation Form - Due July 31 - Financial Forms Due - August 15 - Summer Opportunities - 4-H Virtual Summer Camp - SLC - OC Fair - Looking Ahead to 2021-2022 - Leadership - Programs & Projects - Enrollment

Rita finished by saying:

A "thank you" to everyone who's volunteered this year.

Without you there wouldn't have been a program.

Without you we wouldn't have met the challenges that we did this past year.

Without you the best would not have gotten better.

You guys are amazing.

Here's to my heroes.

Have a great summer.

Come back excited for the New Year.

Brian said that the feelings are mutual.

We have these same wishes for you Rita. Thanks. You have helped us through this year.

Adjournment - 8:03 pm

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7 PM -

IN PERSON (NO ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE)

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary