

Fresno County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023

Attendance: Tracy Newton - County, Zach and Nettie Niles - Lone Star, Janet Moore – Fairmont, Miranda Moya - Renegades, Michelle Ward - Reedley, Jane Bedrosian Misa Saad and Marlene Miyasaki - Fowler, Shaun Skierka - Sierra, Catherine Hambleton - Kingsburg, Harinder Sran - Kerman, Katie Valorosi - Blossom Trail, Carol Wenstrand - Rural Route, Hannah Rothenfluh & Elizabeth Capozzi, American Union, Elizabeth Ramirez- County, Audrey Bonomi- Sanger, Anne Cehrs – Renegades, Megan Parsons - Fairmont

1. Call to Order-6:32pm
2. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge-Miranda Moya
3. Introduction – Alphabetical by Club
4. Review Agenda – Approve September agenda. Motion: Jane Bedrosian Second: Anne Cehrs Motion carried. No opposed.
5. Minutes - July 23rd minutes. Move: Catherine Hambleton Second: Anne Cehrs Motion carried. No opposed.
6. Treasurer's Report- Tamika Thomas absent. Report by Tracy Newton. Negative balance is supplies, miscellaneous uniforms, missed deadline to move CD. They will pull transfer in November. The small animal account in a negative is due to 3 scholarship paid out \$250/each. A matter of transferring out of the CD. Balance last year at this time was June 2022 \$48,000. January 2023 \$75,000 (based on a big jump with enrollment that was not paid out yet). Small balance carried over from salary savings. Treasurer Report dated August 31, 2023 balance of \$50,702.56.
7. Correspondence – TYs, Tracy Newton. No report
8. Ambassador Report – Brianna Moya - Working on officer training day 9/16. Check in at 8:45am and welcome is at 9am. First session is at 9:15-9:45. 9:50-10:20. Break. Mock all star 4-H meeting at 10:45am and prize drawings to award participants. Sessions offered: Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Flag bearer/Sgt at arms, Hospitality/recreation, adult volunteers, President/VP.
9. Community Service Updates – report online through the county website. Sierra is going to host two community service projects at Achievement Night (Cards for veterans and canned goods for Reedley College Pantry). Lone Star-Fowler will also do cards for Veterans in October.
10. 4-H Online System – Tracy Newton – Z Suite Multiple help requests have been made at state level including why rosters do not include project leaders. Leaders must complete their volunteer training before being activated. Continue to explore the reports and share member lists with leaders knowing we are working on the issue. Tracy will keep everyone updated as information is released to her.
11. Business- Standing Committees
 - i. Livestock Judging Day – Erin Collup. Absent. Tracy Newton and Marlene Miyasaki to report. November 4th requested. Waiting for further information. The cotton contest is there and Marlene will check with Dr. Rocca. State finals. May need to move.
 - ii. Livestock Achievement – Susanne Carroll -Absent. After the fair, we will be offering to bring the Kahoots back once a month. We encourage jr teen leaders to get involved and help plan along side Susanne.

iii. Incentive & Recognition – Zach Niles / next meeting Sept. 20th - Trying to gain clarity around the new record book and achievement programs will look like all materials are available on the state google site: <https://sites.google.com/ucdavis.edu/ca4h-resourcecenter/4-h-basics/achievements>.

Achievement programs: iSprout, Spark Achievement, emerald I and II Achievement, and Impact Star Achievement. If you have a member in the old Star Rank system they can stay there - no sunset date, but as of this year all new members must start in the new Achievement program with Spark Achievements. The best way to think of the new Achievement program is through the lens of 4-H being a youth development program with the motto of "To make the best better". The current body of research on Youth development leans towards high numbers of things not developing high achievement, but that doing fewer things at a deep level does. Each level of the achievement program is based on the 4-H age groups and are developmentally appropriate for the ages. Primary - iSprout = learning about 4-H and what is out there. Junior - Spark Achievement = explore what you like and find their spark. This spark drives the rest of the achievement program. Intermediate - Emerald Star = learning how to set goals. Take what they learned and better their community. Senior - Impact Stars = Using your skills to make an impact in your community, and your world. To meet this intent we should be slowing members down to focus on depth of learning and go beyond the "What you did" and go deeper ie "What did you learn" "How can you apply what you learned to make your community better?" "How you meet the goal" "What challenges did you have and how did you overcome them" etc.

I&R Committee identified 2 gaps in switching from star ranks to the new achievement program. #1 - less emphasis on community service and #2 no incentive to go to events. Proposing two different county awards to fill this gap:

County Community Service Award

Senior: 45 hours, Intermediate: 30 hours, Junior: 15 hours, Primary: 8 hours

County Events Attended Award:

8 or more county level or higher events attended

Awards to be given at County Achievement Night.

I&R committee will release log forms and formal guidelines after September 20th meeting

Motion: Shaun Skierka Second: Jane Bedrosian. Discussion: Fits better with members who are working on the new Achievement system, might offer as overflow for Star Ranks? All are welcome to come to the meeting on 9/20 via Zoom. A great way to incentivize members. Motion carried. No opposed

iv. Clover Fest Report – Looking for Committee Chair. Needs to start working right after the fair. Secured date at Ali-V First Saturday in June.

v. Color Me Green – Schedule committee meeting. No report.

12. County Announcements/Discussion-Member code of conduct.

a. Member Code of Conduct - Tracy report. Bring awareness and an opportunity to the officers the youth code of conduct. Clear clarification of expectations to members.

- b. New Leader First Step Survey; Livescan Forms – Tracy Two levels of clearances. DOJ clearance covers anyone in California. If anyone lives out of state they need the second FBI clearance. Additional \$15 for the second scan.
- c. Fair Presentations Opportunity – Anne Cehrs. Kids who want to give presentations at the fair (livestock projects, etc.) get a special medal. Need to order more medals. Contact Anne if there is interest. Optional. A great way to earn extra communication credits. Presentations take place on the Ag Ventures stage in the barn.
- d. Fair Verifications – Tracy - Need to be completed by 9/21. Confirm and receive payment from all fair exhibitors. Then relay to Tracy and Elizabeth in order to activate. APR's will be confirmed. They can be scanned and sent to Tracy.
- e. Uniform Supplies Have Arrived - Tracy. They were backordered and they are in. Come and get your uniform supplies! Cash or Check only, Office hours: 8-5pm, Monday-Friday.
- f. Account Audits – Schedule for Oct, form audit committee. Need a committee of 4-5 individuals. Auditing the sponsoring and leaders council accounts. It is not calendared. Julia is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- g. Sock Fundraiser – Tracy - Bloomin Socks has created custom 4-H socks with \$5 profit for each pair of socks (sold for \$13)

13. Please review website; newsletters. Email notification now reads new edition of newsletter, not guidelines – Get articles to Tracy or Georgene Diener by 20th of month for publishing.

14. November 14th next Council Meeting Date

15. Adjourn Motion: Jane Bedrosian Second: Marlene Miyasaki 7:50pm

Minutes by: Nettie Niles

Fresno County Leaders Council
Secretary