**Orange County Council Meeting Minutes**

**SCREC, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618**

**February 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by our President, Susan Read-Weil at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge was led by Susan Read-Weil.

**Officers:**

**President -** Susan Read-Weil**,**

**Vice President -** Jim Mullion**,**

**Recording Secretary –** Cecilia Villanueva

**Corresponding Secretary** – Phil Pacia,

**Treasurer –** Helen Koshak (absent)

**County 4-H Program Coordinator** – Jason Suppes

**Adult Sectional Representative –** Jan Tubbiola and Kay Strothman

**Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer -** Helen Koshak is not present tonight, Susan explained that Helen has hurt her knee and that the budget report will not be available tonight. Susan provided the treasures report, the balance in the checking account is $2,229.01 and the savings account has $40,034.98. Total expenditures were $10,438.00 payment to the State for members and for $ 1,224.00 for leaders. Other expenses for the month included; Everest Storage $168.00, Jan Tubbiola $121.21, Karen Pascoe $124.00. Total income was $262.42 from enrollments and Food Fiesta entries.

**New Business**

Jason reported that on March 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., there will be a professional development opportunity for leaders or after school learning, this can be integrated into programs, lunch will be served.

Global Youth Service Day will be held on the same week as Imaginology, Jason has reached out to the Jessie Rees Foundation to organize a Jessie Rees drive at Imaginology. Jessie Rees was a young girl from Mission Viejo who died from a brain tumor; before she died she started JoyJars, for kids with cancer. A booth is currently being considered, to collect toys, money and hats to put into the JoyJars for the children, more info to go out later.

Jason reported that Orange County Cooperative Extension and 4H will be moving out of the O.C. Fairgrounds. 4h and Master Gardeners must be out by June 30, 2014, the rest will be out by the end of the year. The O.C. Fair is pressed for space, so we will be moving to SCREC. The Farm Bureau of O.C. has plans to build a new building on the SCREC location that will house all of Cooperative Extension and the Farm Bureau . Jason provided the address to SCREC; 7601 Irvine Bl. Irvine, Ca. 92618, where mail will need to be sent to in the upcoming months.

The need for a Stand Alone Academic Advisor in O.C. was recognized at the U.C Davis Conference Jason attended. The Academic Advisor position will push programs, research, and provide educational opportunities for the O.C. area. This will take a couple of years to implement.

Jason reported that we pay $168.00 a month, 1740.00 a year, for storage at a storage place in Anaheim, in order to save money in the long run, the Executive Board has decided to purchase a Conex Box that will be placed at the SCREC location and pay off itself in one year.

Jason will research the purchase of curriculum, more information at the next meeting.

Jim reported that there is a new fatal virus (P.E.D.V.) going around in pigs. All pig projects should look at the websites for more information; pork.org or Pacific showcase.com. Printed information is in the back of the room for more information.

**Committee Reports:**

**Summer Camp:** Pat Hetherington announced that Summer Camp is scheduled for July 20, 2014 to August 1, 2014. The first Counselor meeting will be March 11, 2014 at Lamppost Pizza in Orange, e-mails went out today. Camp staff will be participating in the Imaginology pancake breakfast, more information to follow, counselors are needed.

**Fashion Revue:** No report

**Presentation Day –**Will be held this coming Saturday 29, 2014 at Montessori on the Lake**, there** is stillin need for adult judges. Judging training begins at 8, Presentations will begin at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be served. Alex announced that she or Sam will not be leading Presentation Day next year, so if anyone is interested, please inform Jason.

**Imaginology:** Will meet Thursday February 27, 2014 at SCREC, every club must have a representative present. Imaginology is going to be bigger that it has been in the past. 4H will be held in a bigger building this year with more space. Decorations for club booths are welcome and lattice should be tied up securely to poles. Schedule and division books will be on the website tomorrow. The pancake breakfast will run Saturday and Sunday in front of the livestock office. The Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, also in front of the livestock office. Registration will begin March 22 to 31, 2014 on the OC4h website, for online entries, except camping. Campers must print out a hard copy and turned into Alex, deadline is March 28, 2014. Fashion Show on Sunday, awards following. Judges are needed for the building entries, a hot dinner will be served to those who volunteer.

This is Alex’ last year to run Youth Expo., anyone interested please contact Jason.

**Master poultry**: O.C. 4H Master Poultry team went to the Avian Bowl in Fresno on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The O.C. team was named “Something to Crow About”. The team dominated the contest, however did not win overall. The team is looking forward to returning next year.

**Pigmy Goats**: No reports

**State Leadership Conference:** No reports

**Teen Council:** Teen Council will meet on the second Thursday at the Grace O.C. Church. The council has planned an Easter Egg Hunt with St. Patrick’s Day decorations. Alex will talk to teens about helping out at Imaginology.

**Open Discussion**

Tom Weiland reported that Diane Heathman is asking for host families to board high school students from Japan. Contact Diane or Tom if interested.

Sue adjourned the meeting at 7:54p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at was made by Alex Martin and Tom Weiland seconded, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Cecilia Villanueva, Secretary