

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes **3/23/2021** oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com

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Attendance: Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Roberta Garcia, Beverly Schrieber, Samantha C., Esperanza Reyes, Allison Kari, Lauren R., Maddy M., Heather Hernandez, Rebecca Russell, Sarah Lucey, Helen Chen, Rachel Horn, Wes Alcott, Elizabeth Broadbent, Heather Witcher, Nicole Miller, Laura Castillo, Kyle Ward, Jillian Book, Gina Montes, Rachel Corliss

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Brian Montes at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge to the American Flag & 4-H Pledge: The pledges were led by Lauren R.

Review Minutes and Motion for Approval: A **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Nicole Miller, seconded by Wes Alcott and passed.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Roberta Garcia gave the following report. February beginning balance was \$34,623.38. We had three deposits on February 19th, one for \$1,050.00, one for \$654.00 and one for \$100.00. We had one check cashed on February 4th, which was for \$97.70, so our ending balance in February was \$36,329.68. Our savings beginning balance was \$33,113.67. Interest earned was 25 cents, so that brought our balance to \$33,113.92. Brian Montes said, we have a \$15,000 allocation that we got approved last month. We've not moved that money as of yet. When we do move it, obviously we will report that to you. We were successful in getting the Quickbooks licensed setup for Orange County 4-H. We will provide the verbal form of update on finance and accounting, but will also provide a written report that will get attached to the email that goes out -Basically, a reconciliation. This way we can increase what you guys receive and make sure what we've got. We're already transparent, but we want to put it in writing as well and be able to provide you the reconciliation report. We're planning to roll that out as of next month. A **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Wes Alcott, seconded by Laura Castillo and passed.

New Business Discussion:

Ag Days: Rita, Brian and the Johnsons got together last week. We started to discuss Ag Days. We are building a small committee to help with this, if anybody else would like to participate in the Ag Days, we will certainly take more volunteers. The first thing that we are going to focus on is coming up for the Imaginology event. Rita shared a really good presentation, which is going to end up being a very good marketing piece about 4-H and why it's impactful.

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Orange County Fair Board - The next Meeting is set for Thursday, March 25th at 9 AM

Countywide Project Updates:

Citizen Science: Kyle Ward told us that they have about 10 or so members from several clubs. Our project is revolving around an invasive species. It's a type of beetle that's attacking our trees, mainly San Diego to Orange County. This beetle not only bores into the trees, but also introduces a fungus and that fungus is what potentially will kill trees. It's fairly new and came into the area around 2012 and it's spreading very rapidly. What our citizen science project is doing is we're working with UC Scientists and Bea has been huge in helping us collaborate. They trained me on using the iNaturalist APP and posting pictures of potential damage. The scientists are going to study the kids' observations and see if we could effectively train citizens to identify this pest damage. The big picture of this project is to see if the scientists train us, and we train the kids, can we help monitor the issue that's going on. We have sent the members out a kit which is pretty cool. The kit includes a vile with an actual bug in it, (It's very small.) also a piece of wood that has damage done to it, so that they can see what it will look like. Piper and Celeste K have already found damage across the street from their home. A lot of people have pitched in. We got these guides printed out. It's an interactive guide that is specific about this beetle. It's really cool and the kids are excited and I think this project is transitioning nicely into potentially being held live. Right now the zoom meetings have been pretty effective, but hopefully pretty soon, we could get the kids outside. They're already being encouraged to check their local parks and stuff like that. It's a passion of mine and I really appreciate the support that we've had not just in 4-H, but also the other people that are collaborating. Rita added that Bea is the urban forestry advisor, also an Integrated Pest Management person. The kit has chisels for the kids, as well as the rulers and pens and insect specimens - Kyle did the wood specimens - bags and labels. It's a pretty exciting time for the kids.

Cloverbuds: Allison Kari said that last Saturday we had our March meeting and our theme was spring. we are getting a pretty good group of regulars that's coming to our meetings and we're just having a good time and looking forward to the end of the year and thinking about entering some things in Imaginology this year.

Community Service: Rachel Corliss said that they are doing the Countywide Community Service next Monday night again from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. This month, we are doing Sew-a-Softy. It's a campaign that actually Allison had been participating in. We will do it as a Countywide Service Project and anyone that would like to join is welcome. Rachel can send a list of what is needed.

Computer Science - Rachel Corliss reported that Tyler led the Python programming. We've done a little bit of everything now. Next month will be Python programming again, a little bit further, more lines of code and some new stuff to learn. The kids still have their mini Spheros, and so they can still play with those. We have two more classes of Python. Lauren R shared that on April 9th she and Aiden will help lead an Hour of Code Event with Rita. It will be a way to start off a beginning coder. The lesson is a Dance Party Themed so it's going to be very fun, just an hour to kind of get your feet wet into what coding is all about.

Dance: Kelly is not here. Rita said that she asked her to tell that for the dance project in April, they will be meeting for ballet and contemporary dance classes via zoom for each age group, and then in May, they have the next full group meeting of the project.

Drone Project - Dates are set as follows: Brian spoke about the Drone Project with the instructor, Josh Friedman. Brian will set up a zoom link so he can have a list of who is attending.

4/13 - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Zoom

4/15 - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Zoom

4/17 - 2:00 to 4:00 PM - @Hart Park Outdoors Will be able to fly some drones.

4/20 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM on Zoom Wrap up meeting

Brian said that if it all goes well, we will mirror the events and do it again. Josh did clear with the airspace and Hart Park is just a smidge out of Disney's restricted airspace. We can fly there without them getting in trouble.

T-Shirt Drive thru event + Gourmet Cupcake Sale: The T-shirts finally came in. Brian got to pick them up a couple weeks ago. The quality of the T shirt is awesome. Volunteers may come at 8:30 am to help organize the shirts. We have gourmet cupcakes to do a little fundraiser for 4-H as well. Brian used to live down the street from the cupcake maker in Whittier. She's about Dominique's age and she got the entrepreneurial spirit, while she's going to school. She has launched her own little baking business and this young lady can make some serious cupcakes. The order link was included in the email blast that went out. Get your orders in. They will have a little 4-leaf clover on the top. These are some of the best cupcakes Brian has had in a long time. We will have the cupcakes to go with your T shirts.

Activity Time - Bring a Friend: Allison Kari said that this is our March - Bring a Friend to County Council Meeting Event. We are so excited I see a few friends here that we've never seen before. Welcome, and I would like to have the people who brought these friends introduce them.

Allison brought Helen Chen. She is a member of Mesa Goathill Go-getters with her two daughters. Liz Broadbent brought Sarah Lucey. She's a member of FBS. Her daughter is in the horse program and her son is too and she's running our poultry program and she's also in charge helping with the countywide poultry project for showing this year. Nicole Miller brought her friend Heather Witcher and she's awesome. She has three children in FBS. Her oldest two are in the horse project and her youngest is in the chicken project. Her oldest daughter is also in the crochet project. Her daughter and son are also in the improv project and they're all in the chicken project. Heather is awesome. She's very helpful and takes over cleaning because I can't most of the time, and she helps Mrs. B when I can't do that either. Kyle Ward was also at the meeting. He already told us about the citizen science project that he's running and he's also an MGG alum so we're so happy to see him as an adult leader. Allison Kari and Helen Chen received a \$15.00 gift card to shop at 4-H. Congratulations.

Trivia contest: Everyone played a great 4-H trivia game. Lauren R won a \$25.00 gift card. Wow. Great job, Lauren. Thanks Allison and Rita for all of the fun this evening. www.kahoot.it Game Pin: 1972322

Reports:

Teen Council Update: None

County Ambassador Reports: Lauren R said that recently the County Ambassadors met with Mr. Arnold. We got to talk with him about his experience and 4-H and tell him a little bit about our experience. We thanked him for being such a generous donor over the years. This weekend we're participating in the Youth Summit. We are giving a presentation. It's called Physically Fit and Mentally Sharp. We are going to be teaching the Youth who participate, how to make a little gratitude jar, how to succeed in online school and lastly we're going to do a little easy yoga demonstration. We're very excited. We've been preparing for it for a while now and we're excited that it's finally coming.

Committee Updates:

Nomination Committee: – Allison said that they asked last month for nominations for the offices of President and the Recording Secretary. I'm sorry to say, we have not received any nominations, so we can proceed from there. Election will be in May.

Record Book Committee: – Allison Kari said that the record book committee had their final record book workshop. We are still working on making our informational videos. We've come to a point where we can have the kids work on what they need to work on now until the end of the year. We are going to make some more videos talking about the different portions that get finished at the end of the 4-H year. We are planning next year. We're trying to work on a Countywide Project for record books for next year. We are going to have our record book meeting again in April to talk about that more. Another thing that I wanted to bring out to everyone is that last year we had requests and we started working on making officer books again. We are starting to make those again this year. We are going to get out all the information that people need so they can turn in the officer books and we'll have more information on that as we work on it.

Scholarship Committee: – Sandy Jacobs said our scholarship committee met and due to things being virtual, we have a little bit more money than we normally would to share. Everybody who submitted an application was approved for their virtual events. Rita shared a document. Basically, what we're doing with the different committees, is we're trying to get all of our committees to have a clear and transparent documentation. It's just a general document that talks about what the Committee does, what they provide to the county, what our responsibilities are etc. This was sent out. We'd like to vote it in, so we can put it on our website.

Review Committee Document: A motion was made to accept the document as shown by Nicole Miller, seconded by Wes Alcott and passed.

I&R Committee: – We still need a chair! Sandy spoke about this committee and Rita shared the document. The Incentives and Recognitions committee (I&R) presented a document that looked very similar to this one last month, and this month, we have a different one. This is a listing of all of the different ribbons, metals, pins, etc. that members can achieve through club or county events, who pays for them and when you're supposed to get them. We do have a couple things that we do need to edit on the form but, for the most part the form is complete. And again we're going for transparency, so that those of us that were here for several years and didn't know what was happening, we don't want that to happen anymore, we want you to know what you can achieve, when you're supposed to achieve it and how to achieve it. After much discussion, it was decided that the two bottom sections will be worked on and this document will be brought back next month.

Fair & Imaginology Committee: – Chair Maryam Handley, Sandy explained that the Fair name for our event this year is not imaginology or virtualology. It is OC 4-H Fair. There will be a virtual building portion. Sandy, Heather and Maryam actually met yesterday to work on the building guide. Wes Alcott said that the livestock people are meeting tomorrow. The livestock will be having their event at El Rodeo Stables in Brea. We

looked at the facility. Everything looks good. We do have a time constraint, which we're going to try and work out. We will have an actual in-person livestock event. The owners of the facility are very excited to do this for the kids. This is for just large livestock. We more than likely will be excluding pigs, unfortunately, because it is a horse stable. Horses just don't get along with pigs. We will keep it with goats, sheep, steer and dairy. The other small animals & dairy goats, I believe, and everything else is going to be at Tanaka Farms. Rita Jakel said that the only other animal that we're not doing live shows is rabbits because of the Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease. Stay tuned for more details.

4-H Event Updates:

Fashion Revue (April 24th) – Chair Heather Hernandez said that Fashion Revue is going to be on April 24 and entry deadlines are going to be the 17th of April, one week before that. We are opening it up to basically anybody that wants to do it. They don't even have to be in our county. If they're from other counties and their county is not offering it, we're opening it up to kids from other counties as well. We still need evaluators. If anybody knows anyone that has any kind of sewing knowledge, even if you happen to be a sewing project leader, volunteer. We could still use you because we could potentially put you with a group of kids from another county. Please let me know if you know anyone or you're interested or let Rita know so she can pass your information on to me. Rita thanked Heather

for opening up our FR event to other counties, because there were counties that were really upset that they couldn't offer anything and they were wondering who else was. It really made a good showing for us at the State level, so we opened up our event to other counties.

Presentation Day (March 6, 2021) – Chair Wes Alcott, Rita made him co-host to show the Film Fest 2021. We watched a wonderful Power Point of the Day. Wes wanted to give a huge thanks to everybody that participated. This year for the Film Fest, we had all genuine new videos that the kids did, which I really appreciate. Thank you so much for everybody that helped out with the presentation and that was actually a lot of fun to share. More entries this year than last year. Rita Jakel shared that we had a lot of entries too, which was awesome.

Clover-Joyed Spring Recognition Event - (June 19th) – Need a Chair! Rita said to move on.

Clubs Updates – Review of the projects each club plans to offer this year:

Fountain Valley Cloverdales: Maddy M said they just had at the beginning of March, our first in-person meeting and it went really well.

Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders: Liz Broadbent said that the state horse activities have started again. Aria did the public speaking in February and she placed second at the state level. We're very proud of her. Last Saturday we had the state equine field day. All of our members went to that. Allison's daughter was there too and they learned a lot. It was very educational. It went from 9 am - 2 pm. We have the state horse classic coming up at the end of June. It is a 6-day show done virtually. We also had presentation day. Our kids did very well there. We had seven kids go, we got six golds and one white, so I was very proud of the entire group there. Our meetings and community service are plugging along. The kids are going to imaginology. The crochet club, is doing that. We're doing more than just horse. I'm really proud of the club.

Fullerton Hills: Wes Alcott said that they will have a meeting next week. They have their goats & pigs.

Jordan Jaguars: None

La Habra Hilltoppers: Laura Castillo said that they were going to have a non-virtual meeting in March, but after speaking to Rita there were so many intricate details that I did not think about. Thank you very much Rita for all of those details. We are planning to have our meeting in-person in April at the park and we're planning on doing it tailgate style. That way everyone's safe and the kids and parents are really excited. One of our VP decided that, instead of having a speaker from out of our club, she wanted our seniors, our high school seniors to talk about their experiences. It was probably one of the best 4-H meetings we have had. One of our seniors talked about how she'd been in 4-H, and how she wants to become a therapist and she's going to go to Fullerton Community. Another senior was Dominique who explained to us how she got into 4-H, and how she's going to be going to Wrigley Community College and wants to study animal nutrition at possibly Fresno State. Another senior, which is Erica had been accepted, to UC Riverside and Davis, and how he wants to get into the bio technical field. Our unbelievable senior, Lauren, talked about how 4-H has helped her. I've got to give it up for this girl. She was accepted to all kinds of schools. She's been accepted, to John Hopkins under scholarship for molecular science and it was so nice for our little kids to listen and hear these unbelievable stories of these kids who have grown up in 4-H, and who they are going to become. We want to reach out to our past members and see what they're doing. This will help with networking with 4-H. We're always in a bind as far as money. Some of our 4-Hers, who have graduated are doing well and maybe if we reached out to them, we could have them continue their relationship with us. We could have a good bond with them and network with them. We are going to post our senior stories and ask past members of our Club to continue to have a relationship and post their stories and see how they're doing in future social media. Brian said congratulations to Lauren.

Lake Forest Superstars: None

Mesa Goathill Gogetters: Allison said that last weekend we had our meeting. We also were able to congratulate all of our people that went to presentation. We had a fantastic time. We're doing all of our projects. We are going to co-host the global kids sewing party, the SOA softy with the community service project.

Orange Acres Backbreakers: None

Orange Villa Buckaroos: Rita said that they met last Monday and all members were present. They had their officer meeting and general meeting, followed by a cooking project meeting. They completed their paper art project. They will be starting a community service project in April or May. They're still planning on doing a kayaking project and hope to add in a photography project. They're not meeting in person, yet, but they will need to for those last two projects.

Tabuco Trailblazers: Rachel Corliss said that they have the next meeting on April 5th at 7 pm. They have still been meeting virtually and meeting usually on the first Monday night.

Tri-Cities: Heather Hernandez talked about Fashion Revue.

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf: Rachel Horn said that they didn't really have a club meeting for March. Our next will be Monday, April 12th. We have had vet science meetings via zoom. Most of our other club meetings were canceled. The kids got there she lamps today. Goats will be starting soon.

DSAOC Superkids: None

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We reported that Regardless of whether the fair actually happens, livestock may be kind of a dedicated show in Orange County and it's looking like the second week of July, they are going to be voting on that at the fair board meeting coming up. -- Virtual auction and actual in-person show.

County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates: Rita gave her great Updates. The Year is in High Gear! --- Enrollment Update --- Help Needed - SYS --- Big News! Orange County Farm Bureau has come through for us again. --- Debit Card --- Fun Fridays! --- Looking ahead - Program Year 2021-2022 --- Club Meetings --- Planning Ahead. --- Camps & Conferences --- OC Fair --- Brainstorming --- Thank You!

Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary