

**Orange County Council Meeting Minutes 4/27/2021** [oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:oc4hcountycouncil@gmail.com)

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**Attendance:** Rita Jakel, Brian Montes, Sandy Jacobs, Beverly Schrieber, Bird Garcia, Laura Castillo, Gina Montes, Rachel Horn, Allison Kari, Elizabeth Broadbent, Esperanza Reyes, Kelly Speakman, Niki Miller, Jillian Book, Lauren R, Rachel Horn, Rachel Corliss, Brian Kim, Helen Chen, James B, Michaela B., Tyler C., Wes Alcott, Aidan R, Jessica Jean-blanc, Heather Hernandez, Lisa Gauf, Riley G, Dominique M

**Call to Order:** Brian Montes, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Pledge to the American Flag/4-H Pledge:** James B led the Pledge to the American Flag and Michaela B led the pledge to the 4-H flag

**Review Minutes:** A **motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Bird Garcia, seconded by Wes Alcott and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Following is the Treasurer's report as sent via e-mail. Brian added that between now and next month, Bird & he will get the check written out for the \$15,000.00 that we are going to utilize to start off our endowment so you'll see that in next month's transaction.

**March 2021 Savings:** Beginning Balance: \$33, 113.92 - Interest Earned: \$0.28 - Ending Balance: \$33, 114. 20 - **February 2021 Checking:** -

Beginning Balance: \$34, 623. 38 - Deposits: - 2/19- \$1,050.00 -

2/19- \$654.00 - 2/19- \$100.00 - Checks Cashed: - 2/4- Check# 3656- \$97.70 - **Ending Balance: \$36,329.68** - **February 2021 Savings:** - Beginning Balance: \$33, 113. 67 - Interest Earned: \$0.25 - Ending Balance: \$33, 113.92

A **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Bird Garcia was made by Niki Miller, seconded by Sandy Jacobs and passed.

**New Business Discussion**

**Scholarship Recipients** - Rita put up a power point for each of the recipient's presentations.

**Tyler C** spoke about his attendance at National Youth Summit - 4-H STEM Summit - November 6-8, 2020 - Journey to Mars. We did little projects to kind of symbolize some of the steps to get to Mars, so one of the things we did was a rocket launch with a PVC pipe and two-liter plastic bottles that basically showed that you can use air pressure to launch a rocket. It was pretty fun. We built a stem Rover that can run and do stuff and then we built a hydraulic cloth that used water pressure to work as a cloth that you could attach to your Rover. We also did a Mars online project that we worked together on as a group. So it was a good experience. Rita also said that Tyler is running the Countywide Computer Project for us.

**Niki Miller** explained that her girls were going to tell us about their experience at Virtual Equine Public Speaking/Demonstration Day, Feb 20, 2021; however, they are on vacation in Wyoming (9:00 p.m.) and are not able to speak tonight.

**James B** - Virtual Youth Summit - Hello, my name is James B and I'm 12 years old and in the Mesa Goathill Go-Getter's 4-H club. I recently attended the Virtual Youth Summit. I attended three sessions, and some talks also. My favorite session was a session about college readiness. I learned about how to be ready for college by talking to people who know how to get you ready for college and to know what you want to do in your future. I also learned about my Spark in the session called Spark Armor, where I made a shield on a piece of paper and I wrote in all my Sparks that I had. I really enjoyed the Summit, and I would like to thank the Arnold's family for funding me to help me go to the Virtual Summit. Thank you. James helped with the citrus picking.

**Riley G** - The Virtual Youth Summit was super fun and I learned a lot about exploring sparks and I learned a lot more about why communication is important to being a leader and better communication skills. Thank you for the opportunity for the scholarship.

**Aidan R** - Virtual Youth Summit - It was very fun. I enjoyed it. I went to multiple sessions. Some of them were led by my sister, Lauren, who taught yoga for mental health and well being. There was a good, positive mood. It was very organized and there were good efforts put into it. I missed the in person one; but this is still very, very fun and I learned a lot of Leadership tips. I also learned how to write better emails. Overall, it was a very fun experience. He is doing a clothing drive for his volunteer experience.

Rita said that these are the youth that attended with scholarships so far. Just a reminder - scholarship applications - we opened it up again. This week, you have until Friday if you're interested in attending anything in the summer, the summer camps or the leadership conference, if you haven't already gotten your applications in.

**Countywide Project Updates**

**Citizen Science** - Kyle Ward Rita said that they had their meeting at Hart Park on T-shirt day and they got to look at some trees in the park. They did actually find shot whole borer. They were taking specimens and samples and pictures and they reviewed the how to document what they find. This past week, the researcher from UCR, Bea, joined our zoom call with the kids and did instruction on the shot hole borer and reviewed all the things to look for. She's meeting with us Saturday at Mason Park to look at trees there and have the kids learn how to put their findings into the I Nationalist APP. This has been a tremendous project that the kids have had an opportunity to participate in scientific research hands on real life pretty cool.

**Cloverbuds** - Allison Kari reported that they did not have a meeting in April, but we are looking forward to our last meeting in May.

**Community Service** - Kelly Speakman told us about the last one for this year. We had a meeting last night for community service and Isabelle taught the kids how to make finger puppets. They are being donated to a kindergarten class to encourage them and. That was the last meeting for this year. It went really well. We had a good turnout.

**Computer Science** Rita told us they have one more meeting next week. It's the third session in Python. They've done some it's pretty amazing work with all the different types of coding and the robots. We're looking to get another kind of attachment and other device called micro bits that kids can learn coding. They do light up and are kind of fun. And we're hoping the other team as part of the computer science group is hoping to host some coding events as like our Fun Fridays or during the summer. I gotta tell you I was going to save it for later. I'm going to say now. The team that's planning the Fun Fridays, they had such a cool thing planned for April 9 and then we decided to postpone it, because signups were low. When I shared the plan that they had made with the statewide team, the computer science team, they immediately stole it and added it to the coding camp in the summer. We had a pretty good plan so eventually we'll put it back on the calendar and, hopefully, people will join us. It's ton of fun.

**Dance Project** - Kelly Speakman said that they had their ballet zoom class on Saturday, and that went really well. The children seem to enjoy that. Upcoming this Saturday, we have the contemporary classes on zoon, and then we will have one more meeting in May for the kids to have

a chance to share something that they learned or present something, if they want to put a dance together or share something about history that they learned. Rita said that she just wants to also say "Thank You!" to our community service and dance project leaders for stepping up and offering some sessions during the virtual summer camps, this summer. We're continuing our projects into the summer statewide.

**Drone Project** - Brian said that the drone project got rescheduled. They will do in person, this Saturday, May 1, at 1pm at my address. We're going to do it here. Josh already cleared us to fly up to 400 feet here from 1pm to 2:30pm and then the final zoom class will be next Tuesday May 4th at 6:30pm. We definitely plan on doing this project again.

#### **Reports**

**Teen Council Update:** None

**County Ambassador Reports:** Esperanza said that SYS went flawless. We had lots of people in the session and the kids just showed their leadership skills and just put orange county on the map. They were very engaged and uplifting and the message was positive and we even had some kids who were accidentally in our session. When we gave them the link to go back to their session they're like no, we want to stay here because we like it, so it was really positive and I was very proud of our team. Everyone did so well, so we have polished leaders on the county Ambassador team. They worked really hard.

#### **Committee Updates**

**Nomination Committee** – Allison and Liz Allison said - We are going to be opening the floor this evening for nominations for our President and our Recording Secretary position. We need nominations tonight because we are going to be voting and next month, so, with your permission, Brian can we open for the President nominations for President, at this time. Wes Alcott nominated Brian. Sandy Jacobs said that due to the circumstances, I second that nomination. Allison said - Okay, well that's fantastic. Are there any other nominations for President, at this time? Rita and Brian, can we still accept nominations until next month or after we close this? Are we done with nominations for President? Brian said - What is your plan? If anybody else gets nominated, then what we want is for them to have a chance to present to everybody, you know a little bit of a background and all that stuff. And then we can vote next month, so you can still accept if somebody else wants to get nominated. Liz added - We do it, like our general club, we did nominations this month, but I expect everybody to do a speech, a little bio, why they want the job, for next month before we vote. It's all nominees that do it, but if you don't have anyone contesting, and we all know you, Brian, you probably wouldn't have to, but if somebody else wants to be nominated, I would just tell them they need to prepare a speech you know for next meeting. Rita suggested that she could request that we have a little deadline, maybe a couple days before the meeting so that I could put ballads together. It's going to be a Google form. I couldn't really do that on the spot that night. Brian said - let's go one week before the next meeting. Liz suggested - make sure they are members. Council will vote in May. Allison said that nominations should close by the 18th of May. County Council is having our meeting on May 25th. Now for Recording Secretary - Beverly wishes to step down. She is willing to switch offices. Gina Montes is willing to become Recording Secretary and Beverly is willing to be Corresponding Secretary. Bird Garcia nominated Gina and Allison Kare seconded the nomination.

#### **Updates**

**Record Book Committee** – Chair, Allison Kari reported that the Record Book Committee met last month and our basic goal was to get our timeline together and set our dates for a record of judging that's coming in September and everything that we need to do before then. We worked backwards. , we got a record with judging date and we got all the things that we need to do straightened out before then. We are starting to get some fantastic questions from Members about record books. Keep them coming. We're also going to be having some help for club leaders to be able to help them help the kids with record books so we're very excited about that.

**Scholarship Committee** – Chair. Sandy Jacobs said thank you to all of the scholarship recipients that came to the meeting and gave reports. They all sounded like you had a bunch of fun. As Rita previously mentioned, we are open again for applications. The Scholarship Committee is actually meeting on Monday to go over those applications. If anybody wants to submit any applications, please get them in as soon as possible.

**I&R Committee** – Chair, Sandy Jacobs said that the I&R I Committee has finished the fact sheet and we have mostly completed the pin and ribbon form that we presented last month. Now we are working on updating the nomination form for the Bob Cole and Meritorious nominations. We actually won't have them this year. We have discussed that we will be doing more than one next year.

**Fair & Imaginology Committee** – Chairs, Sandy Jacobs and Heather Hernandez - Sandy said that all of the building entries were due on the 17th. Heather, Maryam and I worked on creating all the evaluation sheets and most of the evaluating has been completed. Some people that specialize in photography, clothing, etc. will be done within the next week. I would like to defer to Wes to talk about the large livestock show. Wes spoke about the livestock shows. Rita sent out an email to everybody, with all the details. Jim is formalizing some rules. It looks like we've got about 19 kids registered, kind of an even mix between 4-H and FFA. I have no doubt we will have way more than that. It's just going to take a little bit of time for everybody to get registered. Most of these kids are used to getting five bucks and showing up at the show, and so the pre registration can be a little difficult for us. We will see how that all goes. Registration is open. It's going to close on May 6th and that'll give us a little bit of time to create the classes. Sandy said that there's a livestock show happening on May 29th at Tanaka farms.

**Outreach & Marketing Committee** - We still need a chair! Brian will take the chair on this.

**Leadership Development** - We need a chair and task force members We are working internally within each group to develop the leaders, the succession plans, making sure that people know the roles.

#### **4-H Event Updates**

**Fashion Revue Recap (April 24<sup>th</sup>)** – Chair Heather Hernandez/Sandy gave the report and presented a Slide show. The kids all look amazing. Every state registration is due by the 30th so if there are any entries that you guys want to enter, whether it be presentation day photography. fashion revue; there's several other ones that are on the list, the deadline for all of them is on Friday.

**Clover-Joyed Spring Recognition Event** - (June 19<sup>th</sup>) – Need a Chair! Rita said that we need help to organize this. We need an MC, someone who can help get awards organized and distributed. Most the Chair people have their awards and they're ready to go. It's just a matter of getting them in people's hands, so if you guys do it a little bit more formally than we did in October. Sandy suggested the State Ambassadors help with emceeing because usually Teen Council has historically helped with that kind of thing. Esperanza will get back to Rita.

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

**Fountain Valley Cloverdales** Sandy reported that they some new goat kids that arrived in the last month. We have seven. They're super cute. In fact the kids and Shayla just started the new goat project tonight. We're small but mighty and just plugging along.

**Fullerton Feeders, Breeders & Seeders** Liz Broadbent reported that at the April meeting we put together our board for next year and we're voting in May. Right now we're working on state equine events in the middle of May 15th. We have hippology on Saturday and the horse judging team is on Sunday, and then the end of June, we have the state horse show. I also would like to welcome Jessica Jean- blanc. Nikki came up with a fundraiser that we're working on, hopefully with Panda express. We are going to state for presentation day with the impromptu speech. Niki is really proud of the Improv Project. Liz said that at Regionals, we had one gold, two blues and a red. A couple of our members are joining the Arabian horse association and they too have been putting on virtual horse shows and coloring events. We've been doing some virtual horror shows for them. Niki said that the chicken project is doing good. They're going to all be taking their birds in show barring one.

**Fullerton Hills** Brian Kim spoke about gearing up for a show. our primary projects are all livestock, so all of our students are 4-H members. We're excited that orange county fair is happening and we're excited to celebrate our students with their achievements for the end of the year, because we couldn't celebrate last year, so we're going to do double this year. We're really excited.

**Jordan Jaguars - None**

**La Habra Hilltoppers** -Dominique M said they had their first in person meeting, and we did it like tailgate style - we all sat by our cars and we wore masks and it went pretty good, I think the kids most definitely liked it more than virtual meetings. We have our pigs and I have my steers. We have the dairy cow and the four-month old heifer too. We ran a show in Bakersfield for steers and I got gold in showmanship both days and then my steer, which is the red and white one was first of his class and then my big black steer was fourth in both of his classes. The comments were all good. I had a goat show the next weekend and my goat was second in his class and I got 6th overall senior showman.

**Lake Forest Superstars** None

**Mesa Goathill Gogetters** Allison spoke We are moving along towards the end of the year. Some of our projects have met for their last time or are going to meet for their last time very soon. We're looking forward to the end of the year celebration and starting to plan the last month. At the end of March, we had our Global Kids sewing party. We did it in two different times. We had an early and late time. Our later time was in conjunction with the community service project. We added 13 to the global kids Count of people sewing in the same month. We had some really, really cute things that the kids made. We had a couple kids that we're going to give to charities and then others that we're going to give to just people that they knew and their friends to kind of brighten their day and a few of them enter them in the OC Fair as well.

**Orange Acres Backbreakers** None

**Orange Villa Buckaroos** - Kelly said that they have been able to work quite a bit on our projects. We finished a paper art project and we're almost finished with a cooking project. We also are doing our own community service project in our club. It seems like the kids are really enjoying the projects and having a good turnout. We're still hoping to do a photography project next month and a kayaking project. We're trying to kind of squeeze in at the end because the warmer weather is great for kayaking and photography mostly outdoors so that would be good, now that we can we can meet in larger groups so.

**Trabuco Trailblazers**: Rachel Corliss spoke about the chicken project and trying to pull it together for the fair. We are doing some of the leadership roles so they're just like we are at county, trying to look for other people to fill a lot of the roles for next year. A lot of the projects will wrap up in the next month or so. I think everyone's looking forward to getting together soon.

**Tri-Cities**: None

**Yorba Linda Cloverleaf** - Rachel Horn said that they had their Community meeting in April in person, because the room is big enough to hold everybody. The kids were masked. We've had some families join. Mostly the livestock projects have been meeting and getting ready for the fair. They had an archery project meeting, in the past month - rabbits, cavies and poultry too.

**DSAOC Superkids**: None

**County 4-H Program Representative Reports & Updates**: Rita gave her updates - Many opportunities - Camps - Scholarships - Competitions Ahead - Summer is Coming! What fun could we have? - Enrollment Update - Enrollment Fee Schedule 2021-2022 (Proposed) - Fun Friday Ideas

**Adjournment** was at 8:38 p.m.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM (Virtual)

Next Orange County 4-H Meeting – Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Secretary