

County Council Meeting - Nov. 30, 2022 -- Zoom

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Attendance: Rita Jakel, Sandy Jacobs, Bri Jokerst, Beverly Schrieber, Vanessa Walters, Maddy M, Elizabeth Broadbent, Olivia M, Samantha W, Laurelyn R, Avie H. Rachel Horn, Zach Gilmer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Sandy Jacobs, at 7:04 p.m.

Pledges: Maddy M led the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge.

Info from Chat box. From Sandy - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd78DnWjE-lhXmtsmJDR1E8n47MJGSP7nX2ZATyGdCuCgGYiQ/viewform>

Minutes from the Oct. meeting: A **motion** to approve the minutes was made by Bri Jokerst, seconded by Liz Broadbent and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Vanessa Walters reported that our monthly checking is \$33,117.41. The Savings Account is \$18,323.26. We voided and rewrote a check to Rita in the amount of \$323.96 to cover the marketing of the OC Farm Bureau Dinner. We updated the budget. All those are current numbers for September and October, of what we have as income and expenses. Bri Jokerst asked if we have gotten anything as far as an invoice for the tractor rides yet? Vanessa Walters said - No, we haven't. A **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as stated was made by Olivia M, seconded by Maddy M, and passed.

Bri Jokerst conducted a game called **"Roll the Dice Gratitude Game"**. Everyone enjoyed the activity. Thanks, Bri.

From Rita: <https://donate.ucanr.edu/> Sandy explained that our OC clubs are having a contest. The goal is for the club to get the most individual donations of ten dollars or more, and the club who gets the most donations or most individual donations, will either get an ice cream party for their club or a donation for their club. Just make sure that, when you donate or have your friends and family donate, that they do pick Orange County and also your club. They might have to put your club name in the notes.

Sign up, sheet. Sandy explained that all of the club leaders have been getting notifications from Rita. Please remember to go and fill those out either right before the meeting or right after the meeting; because they go to Bev, who does our minutes for the meeting, and it helps her to enter your club reports a little more efficiently.

New Business

The 4-H Offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24th, and 25th, as well as December 23rd through January 2nd. The 23rd is a Friday. So it's the Friday before Christmas, all the way till January 2nd. That means you don't have access to Rita during those times.

The **star ranking system** is changing. and, I didn't realize Bri, that you had already touched on that. But do you mind going over that? Just a little bit more. Bri Jokerst explained that the Star rank is a big thing. Typically the Star rank system has been consistent, from junior 4-H'er, all the way through till you age out of 4-H. But now they're dividing it up into branches a little bit more. The new star rank will be called the **Spark Achievement Program**, which is the first phase, and that's for any new members. Even if you come in as a senior, and it's also for all of our juniors and those 4-H'ers that are nine to ten year olds. This new process is super simple. It's basically almost like a checklist form. You pick a couple of things from each category, you initial, date and write a very brief description about what you did. It's not this big, huge monster where you're trying to figure out what category things go in. It's much simpler, and a nine or ten year old will actually be able to fill out the report themselves. That's rolling out this year. It's considered a soft launch. We're recommending that all the counties go towards it. It will be fully enforced by next year. If you are an older member who has not yet started achieving any **Star Ranks**. You will want to get moving forward on the new program next year. They're planning to roll out two more programs which are for the intermediate and seniors, which is, I believe, an **emerald star** and an **impact award** is how those will work. But we don't really have any details on those. There are some people that are demo'ing those in some counties. We're not part of that. I really encourage you to go Check out the Webinar if you have a chance. It's a really great program. I think it will be super easy and much more user friendly. And the best part is the **(LDR) Leadership Development** reports that are very long and very repetitive in a lot of ways are disappearing completely. If you switch to this new system this year, you won't have to do the LDR. Rita Jakel said that she will put out a notice about them. They're offering some webinars, if people want to visit to join them, for you to know for yourselves. If

club leaders want to do it or our volunteers. They haven't designed for staff and for volunteers and for youth. Rita will be doing a session in **Beginning 4-H** and recognition. We will cover the changes that are happening in March. There will be enough time for us to get all that information, and she is also doing a session for **leadership development** for all the kids that are wanting to participate in that county wide project. So there will be updates given through those projects. Zach Gilmer, new to 4-H, asked more for info on the new programs. Bri Jokerst added that a **record book** is something that you, the members, fill out at the end of the year to kind of record their achievements and what they've done for the year. So this is a simplifying and a revamping of their process. Rita said that maybe we can have a few people work together on putting something together for one of the next council meetings. Sandy Jacobs **Activity tracker app**. It will help us with our Personal Development Reports (PDR). It is a really great tool for those of you that are serious about doing your record books. It's a great place to get some stuff jotted down. It was created by a member in one of our other counties here in California. So it's just for the California kids. It was their Emerald Star Project. It is in the Google Store on the Android phones? It is a free app. Just go in and do a search for 4-H Activity tracker and download it. It'll ask for your name. It also came out in the State e-mail.

Southern Youth Summit (SYS)- Sandy explained that SYS will be at the PathFinder Ranch like it usually is. In-person dates are January the 13th through 15th. It will cost \$200.00. There's also a virtual option, January 27th through 29th, that will be for all of California, and not just southern. Rita said that it's actually \$175.00 because they had to cancel the central or bay coast. It's \$40.00 for the virtual one. You can sign up for both for a discount of \$210.00. They are still looking for workshop presenters and facilitators. The age range that this event is for eleven to thirteen year olds.

Committee Updates

Scholarship Committee. We are accepting applications for **Southern Youth Summit (SYS)**, for **Summer Camp** and **State Leadership Conference (SLC)**. Any other events we take applications basically every day, and we'll review them as of the 15th of each month. Please submit those applications.

Outreach and Marketing and Leadership - Rita said that the Outreach and Marketing Committee had a virtual meeting a few weeks ago, and hammered out preparing for the boot camps, and in the process of having that conversation a really cool idea came up. We are having the **Two Marketing Boot Camps** like the one we had this past Saturday. We have another one coming up in December on the third Saturday again at the same time as the **Countywide Projects** that are held at the SCREC. In those sessions, club leaders are getting their marketing box and starting to fill it. They're getting their yard signs that they can put up near their meetings or places where they have events. Then out of that conversation we were talking about having youth participate with the adults because they obviously have their finger on the pulse of what resonates with other people their age. An incentive is to have youth members help the adults get the new marketing materials together for their club. We will have a new **Marketing as a Career Project**, a countywide project, and **Communications Project** with the emphasis on marketing. You'll get credit for the time you spend, creating the marketing materials for your club, and also a focus on careers in marketing. The leader will bring in guest speakers. That project will start in January. We'll continue into the New Year with the leaders of development sessions like we did in the past. I'll try to start scheduling some of those in February and March for our leaders who want to get other opportunities to get their **Leadership Development Project** completed and plus interact with kids from across the county. I know that one of the sessions that was lightly attended last year, and especially with changes that are coming instead of, and recognition will be one of the points of focus for one of the sessions, and then we always do skill building leadership, team building at those sessions. So those will be coming up in the winter and spring. We are trying to put together a **Career Explorations Project**. Capistrano has a new name - **Capistrano Rancheros**.

4-H Events -

Countywide projects met this last Saturday - The **Card Games Project**, the **Japanese Project** and the **Beginning 4-H Project** met at SCREC. The next date is, December 17th. Our first Competition for this year, for our county will be **Food Fiesta**. It is on January 28th. Our theme is **Tropical Delight**, and all of the forms have been submitted to Rita. So be on the lookout for that to be posted, and registration to be open, probably sometime in December, and our deadline will be mid January. I have created a Google form and will be sending out a Google form for evaluators. And we will need members as runners for the day to be running evaluation forms back and forth. Please not only register, but sign up to help out with Food Fiesta as well as the other upcoming events. We will have a **County Field Day** coming up on March 11th. We will have a **Pizza and Planning Meeting** in January. **Fashion Revue** is coming up March 25th. **Imaginology** will be April 15th and 16th. **National 4-H Conference**, April 14th thru 19th. **Summer Camp** will be June 19th through the 24th. So, if anybody is interested in any summer camp be on the lookout for that. They are still pulling together their staff for that event, and those of you who are interested in

being counselors, members that are 14, and above. I believe the applications for that go in by March. Ages for attendees are 8 years and up. We have scholarships to pay for camp.

Club Updates

Capistrano Rancheros - Zach Gilmer said that I don't think that we're official yet. So we officially haven't had any meetings. But we're unofficially getting together and trying to embrace the program. We're really excited. I think we want to try to figure out how to become official. We are making calendars and then take it from there. The brochure has beautiful artwork. By the way, I am a volunteer and this is my daughter, Claire. She's four. We're just volunteering and trying to get ready for next year. Rita said welcome, you guys! I mean, how awesome is that his daughter's not even ready for the program yet. Zach went to school up north for agriculture, and I wasn't sure that we would find a local 4-H club down here. We are just absolutely happy to find local folks that are like-minded, and are down to earth and want to do projects and things like that. "Our name, my name, and how excited we are to join 4H - Capistrano Rancheros" - Zachary Gilmer

Fountain Valley Cloverdales - Maddy M reported that the **Rabbits and Cavies** met a week ago or so. The members learned how to do a health check on a rabbit. They are going to have a Quiz game next meeting. The **Beginning 4-H Project** met and learned about all the projects of 4-H and visited the Golden View Farm to make ornaments, and then baking project met and made Christmas cookies. Olivia M said that the **Baking Project** members also learned about cooking safety. "• rabbits and cavies project met and members learned to do a health check for a rabbit• Beginning 4H project met and they learned about the many projects of 4H and visited the farm to find something to press into an ornament• baking project met and they made Christmas cookies" Maddy M (Council Rep)

Fullerton Feeders Breeders & Seeders - Elizabeth Broadbent said all of our projects are up and running. We've had two board meetings. We've had two general meetings. The kids are doing a great job coming up with what they want to do for community service for the holidays and other activities that they want to do for community service. They're all putting their thinking caps on. Two weeks ago I took Aria and Max, the horse, to the Pioneer Pass 4-H Club in Yucaipa for a Benefit show for our club. We went for nine hundred hours in the freezing cold, and Aria had six classes, and she got two firsts, two seconds and two fifths. It was High point, and one the biggest Buckle, - probably bigger than she is. She was very excited. I went up and talked to the judge, who I have known, probably forty years ago, but hadn't seen, and so asked if she wants to hear a name from the past, and when I gave it to her she about fainted in her feet in the shoes. So she invited the entire club, the Horse project down to their ranch. It's Green Acre's Ranch and an Arabian Ranch in Temecula, and she wants our club to come down for the day, and they'll give us a tour and get to talk to them, and with the kids and the horses and show them what they do at their ranch.

Otherwise that's just about it. "Here is the report for FBS from the last meeting. I hope I remember it correctly! Fullerton Feeders, Breeders, and Seeders is up and running. We have had two board meetings and two general meetings. All project have started and are moving along. The members decided that they wanted to donate arts and craft items to the Crittenton Center in Fullerton. It was established in Fullerton in the early 1970's. The Fullerton campus adapted to include boys and girls, not just teen mothers. Independent living services were later added, making this one campus a microcosm for child welfare services in Orange County. At our November general meeting the members pulled names for our Secret Santa event on 3 December. .. On 12 November, Aria Miller, Sam Walters, Rowan Miller, Niki Miller the horse Zeemax and myself drove to Yucaipa for a benefit show for the Pass Pioneer 4-H Club. Aria showed in six classes and won; 2 firsts, 2 seconds, and two fifths. She was also high point for her age group and won the biggest western buckle I have ever seen. She could not have done it without the help of Sam Walters and here sister Rowan. They were the grooming team and helped wherever needs.. I was the worry team..Our December meeting will be virtual as our meeting will be just a few days before the Holidays. .Looking forward to a great December."

Fullerton Hills - None

LaHabra - None

Lake Forest - None

Mesa Goathill Go-Getters - Beverly Schrieber reported that we had our meeting on the seventh of November. It was fun. Our **toastmasters project** met via zoom. Well, we hosted the **game project**, even though it's a county project. And we had **Japanese**, too, and I understand there were eleven kids there. The Japanese project had an amazing turn out. She filled her room. Yeah, Eleven for Japanese. And you didn't do Too bad for cards, either.

Orange Acres BackBreakers - Laurelyn R said that her mother is sorry that she cannot be here. She is driving. We had our last club meeting last Wednesday. We learned about **turkeys**. Our **poultry** leader brought turkeys, and we learned about the history of the species and their relation to Thanksgiving. We also played a game where we

unwrapped the giant plastic wrapped ball that had goodies inside of it. This got pretty intense. We had our normal business meeting stuff and we learned about the 4-H uniform for showing and in general. The projects that have met have been **cake decorating** their last meeting. They learned about safety in the kitchen, and also made a butter cream icing. We'll be competing in the Discovery Cube Museum gingerbread stem challenge. I lead the county **dog project** as well, and we had our second meeting on this past Sunday, and we had to divide into two groups, because I think we have something like eighteen dogs, and twenty one members. It is crazy. We were super glad we have a whole lot of involvement, and we're working on a proposal to get some funding for the agility equipment to be refurbished. Our clubs other project is **beef** and it met. Also **poultry** and **horse** met. Some of the other projects are going to be starting in the New Year.

Orange Villa Buckaroos - None - Rita said that Kelly is sick. They had their club meeting last night - virtually.

Trabuco Trailblazers - Bri Jokerst said that they we met on November 2nd for our November meeting. We finally have our official new meeting location. All the paperwork got done, so we will be meeting at Montevideo Elementary on the first Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.. So our next meeting is December 7th. This month we started our **Arts and Crafts project**, our **Community Service Project**, our woodworking project and our poultry project. Pretty much all are up and running at this point. We created an event committee to help plan fun, engaging things for our club as well as our club. Wide Community Service Project. "- Met on Nov. 2 for our November meeting- New meeting location, Montevideo Elementary on 1st Wednesday's at 6pm- Started our Arts & Crafts, Community Service, Woodworking, & Poultry projects this month- Created an event committee to help plan fun, engaging activities for our club, as well as our club-wide community service project." Bri Jokerst, Club Leader

Tri-Cities - Rita said that they had their first meeting on November tenth, and they're meeting on the third Thursday of the month, and they have been getting some families to join them. Next meeting will be December fifteenth at 6:00 pm. They have a flyer that they distributed to potential families, and through the schools and projects will be starting soon for them. That's what Debbie had written.

"Our club had our first informational Meeting on Thursday November 10. We will have meetings on the 3rd Thursdays/month. We are excited to have more families join us as we have future projects. Next meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. Flyer was distributed to potential families and through the schools. Projects soon to start and stay tuned!" Debbie Stout - Co-Community Club Leader

Yorba Linda Cloverleaf - Avi H reported that their **Community Service Project** Club provided food for Thanksgiving meal for a family. Our November meeting was a pot-luck and a movie night. Our **vet science** and **cooking** projects met. **Livestock**, arts & crafts and **sewing** have their first meetings next week. "Community Service - provided food for Thanksgiving meal to a family in need. Had a potluck party and Movie night for November meeting. Cooking and vet science had meetings and our livestock arts and crafts and sewing projects have first meeting next week." Avie H

County 4-H Representative Reports & Updates -

Rita spoke about With Grateful Hearts, Enrollment Update (Youth, Adult, Group Enrollments) - Enrolling in Projects (Projects within the Primary Club, Cross-Club Projects, Countywide Projects) - 11 Countywide Projects!! - Project Approval - Outreach News - Important Reminders - With a Heartful of Thanks - Give thanks with a grateful heart. -

Thanks, Rita.

We are **Dark in December** - no county council meeting. Next meeting will be January 24th via zoom.

Pizza & Planning - Sunday afternoon, January 8th - 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

Scholarship Apps due. on the 15th each month.

Adjournment - A **motion** to end the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made by Vanessa Walters, seconded by Liz Broadbent and passed.

Next Orange County 4-H Council Meeting - January 24th, via zoom

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Schrieber, Recording Secretary