

California State 4-H Leaders' Council

Minutes

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Sheraton Suites Fairplex Hotel

601 West McKinley Avenue

Pomona, California

In the absence of our President Mary Engebret, who is in a boat going down the Amazon, Vice-President Vicky Bosworth called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed all and thanked everyone in the 4-H family for attending. The pledge to the United States flag was lead by Rebecca Jones, Santa Clara County and the 4-H pledge was lead by Holly Hart, San Diego County. Introductions were conducted.

- Minutes for the meeting of 10/23/04 were approved with the corrections of Dr. Carole MacNeil; page #2 Fahey and the correction of Youth in Governance.
- Treasurer's Report – was presented by Richard Meade, treasurer. There was a balance of \$16,460.61 in the account. Richard made arrangements for the lunch. Richard reported that State Leaders' Forum 2003 closed out their account \$3408.45 and a check for \$240. The only outstanding forum is 2004, which will be covered later.
- State Director's report Dr. Carole Mac Neil: Recruit for statewide committees Dead line application is April 30, 2005.
--Program advisory committee: help by giving direction for the state program, multi-county and statewide visions. Prioritizes input into requests for resources, curriculum and other types of support and fund raising for the foundation.

There will be some conversation this fall between the committee members about statewide events--what ones will we support and how and which ones we will not.

--Short term marketing task force – There will be a web-based survey coming out. We have to do a better job. Unifying messages of 4-H to serve anywhere in the state.

--Board of directors of the 4-H Foundation – has continued to grow. Youth and adults are helping to guide the foundation in fundraising by meeting with donors and talking about the 4-H program. They also communicate, through thank you letters, etc. with donors. Youth are a very powerful ally in this way.

4-H List Serve – Cal 4-H News – you are missing out because there is a monthly 4-H newsletter that gives you critical program information, funding opportunities, resource and curriculum training. This is the only method that the state office has of communicating directly with everyone.

- Sectional Council Reports:
North – President Molly Meade: North section is currently working on State Leaders' Forum 2005 which will be November 4-6 at Asilomar Conference Grounds. They are concentrating on their Sectional Presentation Day. To be consistent they are striving to get all counties to use the same material. They are encouraging their leaders to attend leader trainings and hope attendance will improve.

North Central – President Deborah Lang reported that they are trying something different with their upcoming meeting in May. They are having a field day with the purpose of trying to engage youth and allow adults in the entire section to find out what they are missing by not coming to the North Central Council and participating in the meetings. The youth will be doing a recreation field day and during that time they will have time to do some much-needed networking. They hope to find out which counties are expert in different topics. The adults will have the opportunity to also do their networking. They had just completed their presentation day and it was very successful. This is their third year to use the rubrics. Pat Wight was the chair.

Her suggestion is that all counties be trained with the rubrics. Rubrics works but volunteer judges need to come with some training. At their May meeting they will be appointing a new chairperson for the State Leaders Forum 2007. Record book judging will be July 15th in Woodlands. They will be having a sectional Fashion Revue in May. She introduced Kristen Lee who is the new Cal Conference chairman for 2006.

South Central – Pauline Smoke reported. They have completed SLF 2004. It was very successful but they are glad it is over. She thanked Sue Moore who stepped in to take over the registrar role. During Super Bowl weekend they will be holding their regional conference LCORT for 7th-9th grader in Fresno County. Their sectional presentation day is coming up shortly.

South – Mary Ann Smith reported. South section is sad to be losing Kent and Sue Worker. Fern Vacca will be acting as president until our next meeting. Sectional Field Day will be held at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut on May 21. Kent and Sue will be our honorees at our Field Day. 2006 SLF chairperson is Rosie Trammell. She and Mary Ann told the council about our pin making committee. These pins are available for purchase by anyone. Just check out the web site for the South Section. She announced that Teen Involvement Conference would be held January 21-22 at Pathfinder Ranch. All youth throughout the state are welcome. Sectional project book judging will be hosted by Santa Barbara on July 23. Our next sectional council meeting will be June 11 at Mt. San Antonio College.

- Tom Fraser – Leader Development Program – Differentiated education

It is a subject developed by Carol Tomlinson. She developed this material to address the issue of a lot of people with a lot of different skills and a lot of different levels all being thrown in the same room together. What do we do with them?

We experience this as we have older kids that are bored with the same first year material for the tenth time. This group also includes learning disabilities but when the older kids drop out they say they are not learning anything new. We, as well as the national council normally have three books or levels. How will we keep these youth involved and active? Carol Ann Tomlinson came up with the idea: we teach the people at their readiness; what they're able to learn; and how they learn. She says that we look at the core skills of what we are teaching. --Tom presented examples that follow these ideas using the sewing project. We take a skill; find activities that support the skills. This is important because instead of teaching an activity now we're teaching a skill that applies to different levels of a project based on the members learning readiness and learning skill level. He used an example that Deborah and Trudy use in their quilting project.

This is a four-year quilting project plan. They took one lesson area, which happened to be fabric selection and color wheel. It shows how you would teach it at one project meeting to four different levels all at once. You can do this because you are centered on the learning skill not on the application.

***See Attachment (A) Differentiated Activity Planning

Tom stated that when he works on materials for adult conferences you teach adults as adult learners you just teach them differently than you teach children. He handed out a very understandable article on adult learning. The important person in the article is Malcom Knowles the person who wrote the research for the article. You teach adults differently because:

- their time is short
- their motivation is different
- they need to be very goal oriented

***See Attachment (B) – Principals of Adult Learning

- New Business

Registration Process to SLF – Carol Crossett

Question: Could Richard Meade collect the money, make the deposit, and write the check?

Answer: The registrar will give the check to the financial officer who will deposit and provide him with copies of those receipts. Afterward, there will be copies of the receipts and records submitted to her for auditing by the state office and also the state leaders' council. At her present position she will maintain those records. She will make copies of the materials and give one to each Sectional Council President to have as a reference.

- WRLF 2005 – Birgit Hemphil

Final report will be available next meeting.

- Youth in Governance – Dr. Carole MacNeil

The National 4-H Council (USDA) purchased some of Carole's time so there are a couple of people working in the state office because of this.

Advancing Youth in Governance is one of the five priorities identified by the National 4-H. What it refers to is the meaningful engagement of young people at any level: program level, organizational level, or community level where they have voice, influence and decision-making power. It's how we rethink our work with young people, which is really a youth development strategy. 4-H is an organization that does things with young people.

***Attachment (C) discussion by Dr. MacNeil on Youth in Governance in CA.

- Youth Service Weekend – Kristen Lee

As a follow-up to the service learning activities at WRLF 2005, the youth decided they would like to return and do more work. They wanted to make this a statewide activity. **Service Overnight** was created. It is scheduled for August 12th – 13th at McFarland Ranch in Galt, Ca. Kristen later added the age limit at 8th grade and up.

***See Attachment (D) Service Overnight

- Leader Development suggestions – Vicky Bosworth for Mignonne

--"Crack old school" – make them want to be trained

--Update curriculum

--Develop proper attitude, open mindedness

--Mechanics to bring new ideas to share

- Jr/Teen leader training for adults so that the adults learn how to work with youth
- New approach – compromise not right vs. wrong--what is our common goal
Everyone has something to bring
- Make sure all know what 4-H is
- There are neither bad ideas nor all good ideas
- Handouts are important – have something in hand to take home
- Include local information
- Bringing all leaders together and bridging the information gap that we may or may not have. Utilizing the expertise and wisdom of the longer term leaders but utilizing the enthusiasm and desires of the newer leaders and bringing them all together with this product training
- What are we doing and how will we get there.

- State Qualifying contests – Vicky Bosworth

Do we need guidelines? Do we need to have state qualifying events?

Do we want to have any state qualifying event be at State Presentation Day?

How do we want to pursue it? What is important? Definition of a state qualifier.

The state qualifier is that it is the event. When you finish that event you are now qualified to go on to nationals. --

Areas/regions qualifiers

--Where does it fit into the program—not just a travel opportunity?

--Qualifying teams vs. individual

teams function as a total group vs. individual qualifying

--Older members travel and depth of knowledge in subject area

--What support can we provide? What about that individual who would not be able to afford to participate?

--Develop guidelines as to what is a qualifier

--Look for sponsorships

--Under the University of California

need extension/UC connection

--What can we handle/ administrative staff?

--Venue depends on timing/timelines

i.e.. State Presentation Day/ SLC

--Phase process of “opening doors”

--Communication

--Identifying national opportunities that are available that we can take advantage of now

--Money is an issue

--Youth seek sponsors from related industry

***Attachment (M) – Carole’s Ideas for State Program Advisory Committee

- By-Laws – Voting by officers – discussion conducted by Vicky Bosworth

This is not a decision that we can make because we would all need to have a copy of the by-laws.

Discussion on representation and voting to State Council

--By-Laws state executive officers are not allowed to vote

Discussion:

--Allow emergency alternates from the executive board?

--Will this let group shrink?
6 votes per section
--Are 6 votes enough?
--Do we need a committee?
--Would like to see more leaders here.
--How to bring more leaders in?
**A committee was to be established

- State Ambassador Team – presented by Margo Lang and the 2004-05 team/Steven Worker
--WRLF Community Service Day, February 26, 2005. Quite satisfied with the event.
--They were given \$450 from the auction of the centerpieces. They decided to give the money to: The Sacramento Food Bank, McFarland Ranch, Project Linus of Merced and the Sacramento Counties, and the Sacramento Bike Project.
--Vicky Bosworth represented the Council when she said that everyone is so proud of the Ambassadors and the job they did to make the Community Service Day a success!!!
It was a great day.
***Attachment (E) – State Ambassador Team
- State Leadership Conference – presented by Emily Morris, assistant conference director/Steven Worker
--Highlight four-day conference
--Have revamped the conference to not only include tracks but also general workshops and discussion groups.
--Carrie Crane added that many of the tracks would fit into the theme of “Youth in Governance”. They were able to get one of only twelve National grants to help accomplish their goal of providing members training to take back to their areas.
--They will be having a new Thursday night recreation - similar to grad night.
--They spoke really highly of the speakers that are coming: Matt Lohr, Cary Trivanovich, and Kenlen Nelson.
***Attachment (F) – State Leadership Conference
- National Conference – presented by Cori Byrum and Katrina Casteneda / Steven Worker
--Delegates were able to take part in numerous workshops and sessions. Some of the sessions were on Leadership, Youth and Adult partnerships, etiquette (eating and how to dress professionally), discussion groups, town hall meetings, national newsletter, and a national service project. There were also adult sessions.
--Tell all older members to apply.
--National Conference delegates will be presenting sessions at SLC.
***Attachment (G) – National Conference Team

###Since the youth had been having their own meeting all morning, a moment was taken to have each introduce themselves to the group.

Incentives and Recognition - Presented by Michael and Jennifer Tobias / Steven Worker
--They reviewed some of the policies and applications that were suggested the past year.
--Look on line to get complete information about the recommendation. -(Ca4h.org)--

- Achievement Pins implementation	- Updating Record Book
- Available scholarships	- Golden Clover
- State Project Competition	- Volunteer Awards

--The State Office will have inventory control. Pens will be ordered bi-annually.

*** Attachment (H) – California 4-H Incentives and Recognition

- Computer Corp – Steven Worker

Steven encourages all to visit the (ca4h) web site

--They have many new ideas in progress.

-Website

-Project Lesson Plan

-Sessions at SLC

-GIS/GPS

-Training

-Manual to start county tech team

***Attachment (I) – 4-H Computer Corp

- State Presentation Day – presented by Steven Worker/ Rosie Trammell/ Mary Ann Smith

To be held May 28, 2005 at UC Davis

Register on line at -

Collegiate 4-H Cal Poly will be selling tri-tip sandwiches

Collegiate 4-H UC Davis will be conducting games/activities

Two additional events are: Horticulture Contest and a Judging Contest

***Attachment (J) State 4-H Presentation Day

* Vicky Bosworth conducted a discussion on locations to conduct the State Council Meetings.

All were asked to do some research and report back in. Is there a better way to do it in both the north and south?

- WRLF 2005 – Tom Fraser reporting for Mary Engebret

He asked all who attended to come up and talk about what happened with their committee.

--Dolores Hempel said those who attended trips seemed to be satisfied and appreciated it

--Tom Fraser reported that sessions went well attended.

--Molly Meade on memorabilia sold well and has some items to sell

--Rosemarie Woods on recognition. Was appreciative of Gary Lang's help. Able to recognize various nominees. Everyone was very well pleased.

--Hospitality – Joanne Ward for Jim Frapwell opened at 7 a.m. and stayed open until 7 p.m. The counties came through beautifully.

--State's Night Out _____ the people who went to the restaurant were so pleased.

--Bags – Margo Lang reported for the group and said in the end everyone came through beautifully.

--Fair Share – Bernardine reported that a good description to go out with registration would give those who might want to share a better idea of what to do.

--Registration – Richard Meade was glad that he got everyone registered.

--Youth Program – Vicky Bosworth stated that the youth came, had a great time, and went home.

--Door Prize – Rosemarie there were a multitude of prizes.

--Photo – John Trammell did a tremendous job; thanks for Ronnie and Kevin for acquiring equipment from Hewlett Packard.

***Carole and Mignone presented pens and certificates of appreciation from the state office to all members of the committee.

- SLC 2004 final report by Pauline Smoke for Teresa Heltzman, treasurer of 2004

After \$9,000 was mailed to Richard Meade on 4/23/04 to repay the state council for their loan, the net total was \$3909.88. The Silent Auction Profit was \$3126. \$1563 was sent to the State Leaders' Council and the section kept \$1563. The remaining total was \$783.88 and will be sent to State Leaders' Council if there are no further expenses.

- SLC 2005 – Chairman Molly Meade – “ 4-H Connects” Applications are on the Web site and were passed out. They will be cutting out one session and will be doing something hands on for a community service project similar to WRLF. All are asked to bring posters of activities that are already going on in their counties to display Saturday. All activities will be conducted as normal.
 - SLC 2006 – Rosie Trammell, chairman. Reported that they want to supply new leaders with hands on learning. Theme – Soaring to Success – Leadership 101
- ❖ State Committee - Mignonne reported that all state committees are accepting applications.
- Policy Advisory Committee has submitted the Youth Protection Guidelines to Oakland.
 - Curriculum Advisory Committee has created a document to review curriculum. First year of the committee and work is progressing.
 - Statewide Camping Taskforce have upcoming evaluations of four camps statewide.
 - Cultural Awareness and Statewide Education Taskforce (CASE) focus is to review how we can increase awareness about diversity and to tackle issues of economic, social, racial, and geographic diversity issues in California.
 - Leader Development Taskforce is working on creating a template for a manual that will be consistent statewide.
 - Citizenship Advisory Council needs representatives from South Central and North Central Sections.
- ***Attachment (L) Mignonne Pollard
- ❖ WRLF 2006 – Salt Lake City, Utah, March 1-5, Sheraton City Centre - Rosemarie Woods
- ***Attachment (K) WRLF 2006 – Rosemarie Woods

Respectfully submitted,
Bernardine Marquez, Secretary
California State 4-H Leaders' Council

