

**CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2008 MINUTES
BEST WESTERN INNSUITES HOTEL, ONTARIO, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Vicky Bosworth. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were given. Introductions were made. The minutes were presented, moved, seconded and passed. The Treasurer's report was presented, moved, seconded and passed.

Reports:

Western Regional Leaders' Forum: Paulette Sauln gave a report about her participation at the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Rosemarie Woods also reported on the WRLF in Idaho, and announced the next WRLF will be held in Denver, Colorado, February 26 – March 1, 2009.

Sectional Reports:

North Section: President Molly Meade reported that the 2009 State Leaders' Forum Committee has been formed. The Forum will be held November 6–8, 2009 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds.

North Central Region: President Murlin Lee reported the Youth Council is active and brainstorming several fundraising ideas to support their Community Service project. The NC Section is working on a new budget. One issue is about raising the dues in order to be able to support scholarships for the Youth.

South Central Section: Pauline Smoke reported they were hard at work on the State 4-H Leaders' Forum to be held November 7–8 this year. Their Sectional Youth Conference, held January 25–27, was a great success with 350 youth and adults attending.

South Section: President Fern Vacca reported on their 2008 Sectional Leaders' Retreat held April 11-13. Educational sessions were offered by staff, leaders and teens. Their Sectional Leaders' Council meeting was held during the retreat.

Acting State Director's Report: Sharon Junge reported that these are exciting times for 4-H in California:

- 4-H Program at the National level has a new partnership of the National Council and the National Headquarters in USDA which are now on the same pace on fund development and high quality work
- 4-H SET (Science, Engineering & Technology) are committed to reach a million youth nationally, 150,000 in California. Important area and mandates. Cannot do it without volunteers. Major collaboration for fund development, staff & volunteer development thrust. Every county that chooses this is to have county replicate the model: 1. program development, 2. volunteer development, 3. curriculum
- Healthy Living – Energizing our 4th H, volunteers, staff and families.

- 4-H Pilot Leadership Staffing Plan. Piloting the Cluster project in the three Administrative Regions.
- National study on Positive Youth Development. Giving hard evidence of program the study will include 8th, 9th, and 10th graders for next 3 years. Control group to measure the study
- The National Directory of 4-H Resources throughout the states (on Web)
- 4-H Enrollment System online rollout July 1, 2008. Transition and training. Fully online enrollment system is being piloting in 3 counties
- National 4-H Service Project, Digital Television Transition (DTV)
- National 4-H Military Projects. 4-H clubs on bases including Navy
- 4-H Access will allow all the Web information to be all in one place, Davis, will roll out National 4-H Week.
- Marketing and Promoting the 4-H Brand. Will be available at County 4-H offices
- “Inspire the next generation, become a 4-H volunteer” pamphlets
- National Council’s Clover CD (Passport to Adventure) by 4-H alumni will be available for \$10 at music stores

State 4-H Assistant Director’s Report: Mignonne Pollard reported on policies and the Police Committee:

- The Policy Committee is composed of 20 people, staff, volunteers, collegiate 4-H and State staff. The committee can discuss an issue for a few months before sending it to the Vice President in Oakland for approval. If getting a NO from Oakland it will go back to the committee for further discussion and revision. If approved by the Vice President it will be implemented by the State Program Director, but it will take about a year for a policy to be implemented and go in affect July 1, start of the new fiscal year
- In the process of re-charting every club, Sectional and State Councils. The State office is reviewing By-laws and their compliance with State policies. South Central and North Central Sections are in compliance
- Policy manuals are being revised and updated. Treasurer’s Manual was updated again to include the IRS new policies. Will be ready by July 1
- Volunteer Leader Development Task Force has 4 Training Modules ready to be put out in August. Training will be done later
- Working on training staff. Need better relationship between volunteers and staff. Hoping to have staff working with Sections.
- Reminder: All contracts must be signed by the State office

California 4-H Foundation Report: Acting Executive Director, Chris Fahey reported:

- The fundraising total was almost \$500,000 year-to-date.
- Revamping Foundation’s website to be the resource and face of philanthropy for 4-H volunteers, staff, youth and others.
- Pacifica 4-H club has started the 4-H Million Trees project. Their goal is planting one million trees. They are working with 4-H and other groups to reach this goal. They are partnering with Arbor Day Foundation to provide the trees to the clubs

- Power of Youth in Philanthropy training was held regionally this spring. A full-day workshop is planned for Friday, August 1 at the SLC
- The Foundation Board reduced the size of the Board to 5 people, a minimum per the By-laws

State Ambassadors Report: Amanda Chiatovich reported:

- The 2008 California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held in Davis July 31 – August 3. 550 slots available, registration due June 13, 2008
- All Star Handbook (Resource Book) was developed by last year's State Ambassadors plan-of-action. It is on the website

Incentives and Recognition Report: Fern Vacca reported:

- 129 books were submitted, North had 22, North Central 36, South Central 28 and South 43. 19 State winners received \$500 each. 59 were State Medallists and 36 Merit Recognition. Next year's judging will be held December 5-7, 2008, books due October 31, 2008

Old Business:

State Fashion Revue and State Presentation Day: Mary Engebret reported:

- Member can participate by winning a gold medal at their Section. Only two Sections held Fashion Revue in their counties. The breakdown is as follows. Beginners 9 – 11; Juniors 12 – 13; Seniors 14 & up. Arrangements have been made for both Fashion Revue & Presentation members so all can be judged

State Leaders Forum:

- 2007 - Murlin Lee, North Central Section, reported 232 people attended. There were lots of first time attendees. Murlin presented a check to the State Council for \$2,583.72
- 2008 – Pauline Smoke, South Central Section, reported the Forum will be held at Asilomar November 7–9. The 2 registrations are due September 5. One for the program goes to the Section, and the Food/Room directly to Asilomar. All the information is listed online
- 2009 – Molly Meade reported the North Section is hosting the Forum November 6–8, 2009

Leadership Development: Tom Fraser reported:

- The committee will be happy to come to the counties and Sections to put on a Leadership training.. They will just have to know which training they would want, "Train the Trainer" or "Train the Leader" programs

Update/conversation locating new site for State Leaders' Forum:

- Tony Burkhardt reported that he is still looking for sites. Will report at next meeting.

New Business:

Need volunteers for Policy Committee from Central Region:

- Transportation cost and one meal will be provided for attending Policy Committee meetings

Are Sections the most effective way to deliver the program?

A worksheet was handed out, and great discussions took place. It was decided the representatives should bring it to the Sections for further discussions, and then present it at the next State Council meeting.

Meeting was adjourned a 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Birgit Hempel, Secretary

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

NORTH SECTION

Dolores Hemphill
Molly Meade
Richard Meade

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

Pauline Smoke
Gerry Wakida

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Ilse Armstrong
Ineke Armstrong
Vicky Bosworth
Mary Engebreth
Jim Frapwell
Cheryl Fraser
Katie Fraser
Tom Fraser
Birgit Hempel
Carrie Hermle
Murlin Lee
Chelsey Pugh
Kim Scott
Virginia Steele
Katie Wilmot
Rosemarie Woods

SOUTH SECTION

Savanna Barrett
Tony Burkhardt
Amanda Chiatovich
Ginny Houtz
Noel Keller
Bernardine Marquez
Peter Michel
Paulette Sauln
Ray Stark
Ashlee Trammell
Rosalia Trammell
Steven Trammell
Fern Vacca

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