GRAYS HARBOR GENERAL 4-H COUNCIL AGENDA

March 14th, 2016 6:30 @ Forestry Bldg. – Montesano

- I. Call the meeting to order at 6:30
- II. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge
- III. Roll Call: Corree Downing, Linda Waltenburg, Donna Brewer, Les Bolton, Cathy Cozad, Mary Pederson.
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Jan. minutes approved. No Feb. minutes, no meeting.
- V. Financial Reports: We are using Jan. report. Our condolence to Devona for the loss of her husband.

And to Tom Gwen the loss of his father. We are very sorry.

Checking \$880.00 Savings \$963.19 Camp \$6968.00 CD \$12,656.20

- VI. Communications
- VII. Reports of Project Groups
 - A. 4-H Horse Council: Books are due in July. 3 awards due in July, Snooks, Susan and Arron. So far for fair no driving working on getting fair requirements ready, Record or jumping yet.
 - B. Panhandle Board: finished remodeling the kitchen. Next year the shower house will get a new overhaul, for a temporary fix there will be combo locks for safety and fans installed. Panhandle is partnering with Mason County Rodeo to extend the riding arena by 20feet, put in a 70x140 feet warm up arena, stock pins, bleachers, answerer box. The 1st Mason inter-rodeo will be May 13-15. June 5th will be the second annual open house with free fishing.

C. Camp: Rhonda:)

At our February training we had approx. 32 counselors that can qualify to go to camp. Most have at least half their training hours completed and we've scheduled another overnight training for April 2-3 at Panhandle. Things are looking good to have a larger camp and we've got the staff on board for supporting this.

The camp committee has been polled and would like to propose a price increase this year. We are finding with the cost of food, medical and craft supplies, insurance, wages, and camp rental fees, that we feel this raise is necessary. Currently we are charging \$100 for 4-H members enrolled by April 1, \$125 for members enrolled after the deadline, and \$150 for late fees. We would like to increase these amounts by \$25, while keeping the "tag along" accompanied by a chaperon fee for primaries the same, at \$50.

I know this needs to be presented to the Leader's Council for approval and was hoping you could do this for me please? We won't post the camp registrations until I know what their decision is.

We have a green group of new counselors that are very enthusiastic and are really looking forward to a fun week of camp. They are presenting some great ideas for more classes, knowing our camp will grow. They have chosen an outer space theme and I've heard that we will have a slushy maker on the camp site this year.

Taylor and I continue to meet and plan and we are also planning a camp committee meeting with staff and chaperones soon.

We are working at getting the risk management paper work done and Tracie is forging ahead with the Intent for camp.

Things are on schedule and we are excited to have a bigger camp!

The council voted to not raise camping fees this year due to the need to build up program attendance. There are enough funds in the camp account to cover any losses for now. We will review the camp budget from the camp committee yearly to determine the need to raise camp fees with the possibility of establishing camp scholarships.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Fair: reviewing superintendents needed and will request volunteers to fill open positions from the 4-H community via email. We will not have pre-4h activities at the r\fair as re
- IX. 4-H Youth Development Report: Dan and Tracie sent their report via email to the council. They chose not to attend meeting due to not receiving agenda prior to the meeting.
 - A. Dan Teuteberg, 4-H Regional Specialist: Since WSU is revising the style of their websites, our Grays Harbor County Extension website will be transitioning to a new look this year. While the content will remain very similar, the layout and format are being looked at Please stay tuned. The state 4-H program is making a movement with updating the 4-H state policies. Committees are in place to keep movement going on aspects of the state director's position. If you have any questions about this please ask. Please be aware that our office has a few leaks with the heavy rains we have been experiencing. I am working with County Facilities at finding a long term solution to this challenge
 - B. Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator
- X. Current Activities: none at this time
- XI. Unfinished Business
 - A. By Laws *no progress*. Possible meeting on 4/12 at 5:30 at extension office to get the ball rolling. Cathy Cozad will chair.
 - B. Audit will set date soon.
 - **C.** Report on facilities availability for future Bingo(s) and/or a possibility of a bowling night. Senior center not available. Mary will contact Monte and Elma bowling alleys for possible fundraiser.
 - D. Still waiting to hear back about the auction committee yet.
 - E. Presentations West County April 23rd @ Humptuips Grange Tom, East County April 30th @ the senior center Mary and Linda will be ready.

XII. New Business

- A. Dels Spring Clover Campaign April 13-24th. 4-Hrs are encouraged to share projects at Dels B. GH 4-H staff policy on attending monthly Leaders Council meetings. There was a verbal request for agenda prior to meeting from Dan to Cathy 7 months ago in order for staff to attend. Cathy will request policy in writing and will do her best to get agenda's out to 4-H Community in a timely manner.
- **C.** Scholarships applications due by May 1st, Committee has set a date for review on. May 5th at 5:30pm at the extension office.
- D. Reservation for Fairgrounds Pavilion Meeting Rm for Recognition/Auction/Dinner is confirmed for Nov. 10^{th} getting committees ready to head up the awards organization, dinner, ticket sales, and auction. Donna Brewer will help with advertisement. Great way to share the 4-H program with the public!

E. Donna Brewer, of The Daily world, would like to head a column on the local 4-H program. Column to be written by 4-H members about their club, projects, what 4-H means to them, etc. There was discussion about getting kids on the radio for "coffee talk with Doug" and other local radio shows to promote 4-H to Grays Harbor children and possible future adult volunteers. Donna has agreed to chair the 4-H promotions/media committee.

- XIII. Other topics of Interest or Club Reports:
- XIV. There was an awesome discussion of new ideas and how to help the 4-H program stand out in Grays Harbor. We wish to see more attendance of the meetings so everyone can be heard and share their ideas.
- XV. Adjourn Meeting Thank you for attending!
 - Next meeting on April 11, 2016 @ 6:30 in the Montesano Forestry Building