

Grays Harbor General 4-H Council Agenda
December 11, 2017

- I. Call the meeting to order at 6:08pm
- II. Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Cherokee Stolen, Youth member Best of Times
 - B. Donna Brewer, Best of Times, Secretary
 - C. Tracie Hanson, WSU Extension
 - D. Ed Swalander
 - E. Mary Pederson
 - F. Cathy Cozad
 - G. Linda Waltenburg, Brady Bunch
 - H. Nancy Graham
 - I. Valerie Stone
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - A. Mary motioned to approve minutes as written
 - B. ___ seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Correction needs to be made to total net Profit to (-1056.06)
 1. There are corrections to be made to amounts for expenses for Cowboy Breakfast & Celebrate Our Kids
 - B. Mary said we need to make sure a new line item is added in the financial report for scholarships. There was a donation of \$400 for scholarships. The donation was coordinated by the local senior center of alumni of 4-H who do not want to see any kids left out of 4-H due to the need to pay the \$25 for the State 4-H enrollment fee.
- VI. Communications
 - A. Thank You note received from Jan Hendrickson for her 30 yr pin
 - B. Thank you note received from quilting and clothing advisors for the Friends of 4-H award they received
- VII. Reports of Project Groups
 - A. Horse Council
 1. Donna shared that she had not been to the last Horse Council meeting but that she had heard thru Facebook that they was a meeting of the Horse Show Committee prior to the Council meeting.
 2. Next meeting is Wednesday Jan 3
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Fundraising
 1. "Celebrate Our Kids"
 - a) Attendance not quite as big as last year, feedback is that low attendance was due to having the dinner on the same night as a Seattle Seahawk game.

- b) Going back to old style silent auction as opposed to ticket in buckets for items. Did not make quite as much money as last year. Would allow to track and see which clubs are underserved and need more outreach.
 - c) Perhaps have name tags on attendees with Club name to encourage more conversation and outreach between clubs and members
 - d) Mary feels that there are many clubs being missed, that don't come to meetings or get involved outside of their clubs
 - (1) Tracie is still working on the video conferencing for people who live in the outskirts to attend conferences this way
 - e) Last year we broke even, this year a loss of \$1056
 - (1) Ribbons were not ordered in excess because there's talk about updating ribbons and awards for next year
 - f) WE should start planning and collecting this earlier for next year
- 2. Financial Report for the Fundraiser
 - 3. Thank you notes
 - a) Connie has said that she would send out Thank You cards

B. Fair

- 1. Premium Book Updates
 - a) Goat Superintendent has changes but has not sent those out as of yet
 - b) Ed asked if there was any feel for if Mason County might be participating in more projects than just horses
 - (1) Tracie said Mason County can show in any project types & hopes that their participation will increase each year
 - c) Donna knows of no input on Premium Book Updates for the equine projects.
 - (1) Tracie said that Denise is putting together the minutes from last meeting and that there were some thoughts on the Updates
 - d) Cathy plans to have her changes to Nancy for the Cat and Photography programs in the next couple weeks
 - e) Changes are due by December 20 to Rod on the Fair Board
 - (1) Nancy will send the changes in when she has a complete list
- 2. Theme for GH County Fair 2018 "A Ticket to Fun"

IX. Council Reps Report

A. Panhandle - Ed

- 1. Not many changes
- 2. Jeff Wetzel new President
- 3. Roger is still Treasurer
- 4. Linda is Secretary
- 5. They have been booking solidly thru the Prime Months of Summer.

- a) Girl Scouts among the top, big money maker.
 - b) There are several other “camp” groups interested in making use of Panhandle
 - c) Master Quilters may be having a retreat at Panhandle
 - 6. Going thru an independent audit at this time by a State approved 3rd party
 - 7. Did very well with their timber harvest, more trees to be harvested
- B. G.H. Youth Live Stock Auction
 - 1. No meeting
- X. 4-H Youth Development Report
 - A. Tracie Hanson, 4-H Program Coordinator
 - 1. 4-H Enrollment and re-Enrollment is in process
 - 2. Communications being sent out only to members Active in the system
 - a) Nancy feels that it may be a mistake to limit communications to only current enrolled members
 - (1) Tracie said that she can send out the blast twice, once to this year’s enrolled members and a second time to last year enrolled members
 - 3. Enrollment can take place at any time during the course of the year
 - a) April 1 is the County enrollment deadline to participate in Grays Harbor County Fair
 - b) Numbers are looking much the same at this time as at this time last year
 - c) Several present indicate they have not yet enrolled their families and most likely will not do so until after the 1st of the year
 - d) Tracie reminds the Council that their are scholarships available is funds are an issue at this time
 - 4. There are some glitches in the system at the point of making a credit card or 4-H check payment method
 - 5. ___ Asked if there was a specific club that focuses on sewing, such as the Robotics Club does
 - a) Council members educated her that most clubs are open to any projects and if sewing is desired by a member or members, Master Quilters have stepped up to assist and educate
 - 6. The Outreach Coordinator positions have been filled by 2 folks, Taylor Sample and Colby Trustee
 - a) Those persons are involved for limited hours for planning and hosting events throughout Grays Harbor County to bring new people into 4-H either to join an existing club or create a new club
 - b) First events will be in January or February
 - 7. Sue has returned to work on Monday after a 2 month medical leave
 - B. Dan Teuteberg, 4-H Youth Development Regional Specialist
 - 1. Not present - Tracie shared on his behalf
 - 2. Grays Harbor County Budget has passed, same amount as 2017

3. Please keep Mason County Extension office in our thoughts, they are looking at a potential 30-40% reduction in services for Mason County
 - a) Their County budget is set by December 31
- C. Will be receiving the County portion of the State 4-H Enrollment fees
 1. The county portion is \$5 of each \$25 enrollment fee
 2. This will be invoiced back to the county 3-4 times per year
- D. Extension Office Move
 1. Tracie has no timeline for move just yet
 2. The plan is for the Extension office to move to Montesano offices but there are several entities moving before Extension office can
- XI. Current Activities
 - A. No current activities
- XII. Unfinished Business
 - A. State 4-H Forum
 1. Several Council members were in attendance at Great Wolf Lodge
 2. Cathy, Mary and Nancy enjoyed the classes they attended
 3. Congrats to Mary for Leader of the Year
 4. There is an interim Leader for the Director position of the State 4-H program
 - B. Linda spoke about Recycling Program
 1. She is still working on this
 - C. There is still 1 At Large position available
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Gwen Carrell has volunteered to do record book training and request flash drives for youth
 1. She wants to meet at the Extension office once a month to assist any members who need help
 - a) Concern is for kids in West County who may not be able to travel to Elma each month
 2. Cathy is hoping to increase participation in Record Book Contest, we only had 9 Record Books for end of year
 - a) Donna reminded the Council of what Gwen had brought to the Councils up that for the equine kids, there may be a fewer number after fair due to the limited number of kids who qualified for Versatile Horseman and Outstanding Gamer
 3. Mary makes a motion that the Council support Gwen's project with a budget of \$100 with no stipulations.
 - a) Linda seconds. Motion carries
 - B. Need to schedule a financial audit
 1. There was an audit last year
 2. Linda feels that we need to wait until January for audit for the end of year bank statements.
 - a) Tracie indicates that the State runs on the 4-H year of Oct to Sept
 - b) In the past, audits were done by the calendar year

3. Nancy proposed the Financial Committee to meet either before or after the next meeting on Jan 8 to audit the financial records.
 - a) Will meet at 5pm on January 8
- C. Need ideas for another fundraiser this year
 1. Cathy is looking for ideas to supplement for what we did not make at the Celebrate Our Kids Auction
 2. Many people have approached Nancy to ask for a Bingo event
 - a) We do not have a gambling license to put on a Bingo event
 - b) Perhaps look to organizations to sponsor a Bingo Event
 - (1) Granges
 - (2) McCleary Community Center
 - (3) Elks
 - (4) Moose
 - (5) Lions
 - (6) Eagles
 - (7) VFW
 - c) Cathy will contact McCleary Grange about a possible Bingo event
 3. Mary said we might be able to do a Take-Over at a Bowling Center
 - a) Where bowlers just need to tell the bowling alley that they are there to support 4-H & a portion of their bowling costs is donated back to Grays Harbor 4-H
 - b) Donna suggested one of the 3 or 4 day weekends coming up in January or February to keep kids busy during those winter weekends
 4. Mary will check with Monte Lanes about February 19th
 5. 2 years ago, Cathy went to a class at State 4-H Forum that went over the guidelines for fundraising
 - a) She will look for those guidelines to see what we are able to legally do

XIV. Other topics of Interest, Club Reports, or unfinished Reports or Discussions

- A. Jeff Wetzel texted Linda to say he was sorry for not attending due to not feeling well
- B. Tracie had packets of resources available for council members, some including resources for specific positions
- C. Donna reports Best of Times club participated in the Festival of Lights with horses, dogs & coats
- D. Nancy reports that 4H Factory made scarves and Christmas stockings for the homeless. Had dinner with Grange people yesterday
- E. Cathy's club meets sunday & will have Christmas party & craft time
 1. Master Quilters has agreed to come out in January to help kids make hats
 2. Will be talking about community service ideas
- F. Linda's wok had a food gathering competition that was taken to Elma Food Bank
 1. They are in need of shampoo, conditioner & soaps

- G. Ed wants to make sure we know there is a very active Archery program here in Grays Harbor
- XV. Adjourn Meeting at 7:45pm - Thank you for attending!!¹
- ★ Next Leaders Council Meeting on February 12th @ 6pm at the G.H. County Extension Office
 - ★ Next E-Board Meeting on January 8th @ 6pm at the G.H. County Extension Office