

Minutes for Skagit County 4-H Leaders Council Dec 4, 2013

Call to Order at 7pm

In Attendance: Christy Lyon, Lee McNeil, Sharrie Nelson, Becky McClellan, Shonna Ausborurne, Joelle Gray, Susie Spencer, Jean Swift, Dorothy Elsner, Don McMoran, Christian Gray, Mariyah Ausbourne, Autumn Powlonicz.

Minutes: from October approved with corrections

Treasurer Report: Balance \$4,260.07.

#### Old Business

1. Committee reports

Awards/scholarship: Shonna, Susie and Tracy will meet to revamp/expedite the process. We need to encourage more leaders to nominate kids. There were no chicken awards because KFC did not respond.

Record Books: Sharrie/Becky

Super Saturday: Jean/ Nihla . It will be at Burlington Lutheran. We will have to bring supplies from the county offices but it is a good venue with a kitchen. The date will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> . Lunch will be pizza. Jean passed out ideas for the workshops and a call for instructors. She also had a class form for instructors to fill out. Jean is having knee surgery Dec 30 so will need help. The schedule will be two classes in the am (9:30-10:30 and 10:45-11:45, then a 45 minute lunch, 12:30-1:30 and 1:45-2:45) There were some suggestions for registration – put classes on name tags and schedule 'boring' classes in the same time slot.

Deadline for instructors Jan 15. Registrations due by Feb 12.

Achievement Night: Kaity/ Christie- it was awesome! Lee asked that we stick to deadlines because all the last minute additions were a headache. The kids did a great job.

Presentations: Dorothy/ Susie - Will be in March 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 6pm. Venues will be Skagit Farmers Supply and Valley Farm Center. Probably no animals at Valley Farm Center as they are small.

2. Jean reported from Forum which was in Vancouver, Wa Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. There were many awesome workshops. Jean especially learned that it's important to record volunteer hours as they are worth \$21.62 and it is a great measure of the value of our volunteers to the powers that be. Jean reported on the structural changes to 4-H. There is a new youth project to support 4-H in Burundi, Africa. There are 6 recommendations to council. The Iron Chef competition was cancelled.
3. Calendar updates: Please send Sue any dates for the calendar – it is not updated!

#### New Business:

1. Don McMoran reported that there will be a major change coming up in approximately 6 months. Skagit County wants to reduce their liability by switching 5 currently employed people to WSU employment. Unfortunately, this is not a streamlined process because any WSU prospective employment position has to be posted to the public and hired according to standard procedure. So there is no guarantee that Val, Sue, Sasha, Tatia and Sarita will keep their jobs. Additionally, the

County wants Sue to transfer to operations and that would be a big loss to the 4-H program. This also means that filling the Program Coordinator job won't happen until this reorganization is finished. Don reported that they do have a job description and it will be posted but not have an end date.

2. Know your Government –Sharrie reported that 6 kids showed up. There will probably be around 12. There will be another meeting in Dec and that they will meet only 4 more times. Their fundraiser is a bake sale at the Country Living Expo. Also, they are collecting ink cartridges and some electronics like phones for a fundraiser. Sharrie will supply a list.
3. Along with re-enrollments (due Dec 4<sup>th</sup>) there is a code of conduct form that everyone needs to fill out.
4. Meeting minutes are online at <http://skagit.wsu.edu/4-hsc/leaderscouncil.htm>

Next meeting. December 2, 2013

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, Susie Spencer, Secretary – revised and submitted 12/07/13