

4-H Council Meeting
Laurel Community Baptist Church
April 4, 2016

Attendance: Matthew Moeller- President
Mike Wallace- Regional Specialist
Taylor Slocum- Secretary
Breda Dunford- 4-H coordinator
Thomas Strand- Executive Chair
Vicky Strand- Thunderbirds 4-H Leader

The meeting started at 7:11pm. The meeting opened with the pledges and each person gave an overview on their club's activities. Thunderbirds had a fly in with their pigeons and gave public presentations at the Sumas Library. Pails and Trails had a record book workshop day with the Valley Vaqueros. Country Partners had their annual Club birthday party.

Breda gave the Treasurer's report. The council currently has \$8903.33 in checking, \$6885.31 in savings, and we have \$2157.50 in 4-H dues. The Council spent \$45 for the advisory council expenses.

Mike discussed the 4 County Teen Facebook page, the May 22nd Teen Leadership event in Skagit open to Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan 4-H Teens, and the Teen Survey that all teens 13-18 have been invited to take in our 4 county area as well. Mike and Brenda talked about the Teen Leader Survey. It's designed to get an accurate picture of the health of our teen leadership efforts in the four county area and will hopefully give us ideas for where to focus on our May 22 Teen Leadership event.

Michael also shared a logo for the TGIF teen event and some outcome data from the Summer Teen Conference that happens at WSU.

We talked about the upcoming Archery Training, the majority voted that we grant the participants \$100 to spend on the expenses of the trip for the training.

The council has an opening in the Treasurer's position. Since Breda is the new 4-H Coordinator, she cannot be the Treasurer. Last meeting we were reminded to complete the "Priorities of Council" worksheet. , this meeting we completed the worksheet and the council and came up with "Developing Community Partnerships" and "Representing 4-H effectively to policy making groups" as our two highest priorities. We agreed more emphasis on publicity could help meet both these goals. We were also discussing the lack of club reports in the Lynden Tribune. Matthew came up with the idea that we raise the reward for the best reporter to \$100. Voted and passed. Council funds will offset whatever the Lynden Tribune does not carry.

At the Youth Fair this year, Breda plans to go each division and promote 4-H. Taylor will bring the idea of Junior Supers up at the Youth Fair meeting in May. The meeting concluded at 8:45pm.