

4-H State Advisory Board Minutes Summary
October 13, 2019
Seattle Airport Marriott

Treasurer's Report

The checking account balance is \$39,215.93. This includes \$6,352.13 in the 4-H State Horse Program account. As of September 26, 2019, there was \$44,477.12 in the investment account.

State 4-H Director's Report

Nancy Deringer reported that the Program Days for all 4-H Program Coordinators and 4-H Faculty occurred for western counties on September 24 in Puyallup and for eastern counties on September 26 in Moses Lake. Last year's focus was training for LGBTQ+, this year it was expanded to train staff and volunteers on how to include youth with disabilities. Partnerships for Action provides training on including youth with special needs. They will be providing training to 4-H faculty & staff. Camas French asked for training on how to communicate the need for adults to assist youth with disability as an accommodation.

- Programmatic Focus Areas include:
 - Facing Racism – Seminar for 4-H Volunteers in Wenatchee, May 14-15, 2020
 - 4-H Junior Master Gardeners – Leader Training at Texas A&M, Feb. 23-26, 2020
 - Juntos 4-H, Latino/Latina Family Focus – training for key staff and faculty at Twin Falls, Idaho, Nov. 12-14\
 - 4-H Tech Changemakers – Microsoft funded and run through National 4-H Council. This is teens-teaching-teens who then teach adults about computer use, internet safety, social media, etc. Currently taking place in four counties (Whatcom, Skagit, Spokane, and Ferry) with the possibility of expansion depending on funding.
 - FarmBeats Youth Kits – Microsoft funded. They are currently working with WSU 4-H Development office on securing funding.
 - Healthrocks, National Mentoring – Tech Wizards, Strengthening Families, Military Partnerships, Yay4-H! Food and Nutrition
 - STEM – Animal Science and food Science NSF Proposal with New Mexico State University. On-line and experiential curriculum will be used. Several people are being asked to assist.
- Fundraising – To find out about fundraising opportunities local counties should sign up for national fundraising opportunities on 4h.org.
- Enrollment – 4-H Club members are estimated to be 12,940, which is an increase of just over 100 for 2018-2019. Group enrollment numbers are due October 31. Enrollment fee data for 2018-2019 should be ready for distribution in November.
- Volunteer training development is being led by Jana Ferris, the Volunteer Specialist. This will be in person as well as thru distance education options. Stay tuned for training opportunities!
- Volunteer recognition will be held at the county or regional level. We are looking to 4-H Development to help with these recognition events.

- 2019-2020 Updated 4-H Policies and Procedures – Some of the new changes include the requirement of an adult chaperone in the cabin at overnight camps/events. The 4-H staff should review the venue and make recommendations for adult chaperones in each cabin.
- The Adventure Education Specialist left for a new position. All positions go back to the College of Agriculture Human and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) Dean. He is giving us this position, but the position will now be a STEM Specialist.
- The Puyallup 4-H office is closing the end of October or November. Tony Dell will be relocated to another office space. Tom Gwin will be relocated to the State 4-H Office pending a request and an approval from Kent Hojem.
- Three 4-H Faculty were hired, and they all started in August. They are Ashley Hall-Hernandez in Snohomish; Stephanie Roeter in Chelan/Douglas/Grant; and Emmanuel Osafo in Benton/Franklin (Tri-Cities).
- Alex Laughery, the Teen Program Coordinator, was asked to work more with the Kalispel Tribe, so this left a void. We are hoping to hire a Teen Specialist after first requesting the position from the CAHNRS Dean. If this is not possible, we will use some of the Enrollment Fees to fund this position.
- Teen Programs – Know Your Government will continue as will Teen Rallies (led by counties). We are not sure about the status of Teen Summit. Options are being explored for Teen Conference. One possibility is to collaborate with the FFA Convention or the University of Idaho's State Teen Association Convention. The State Ambassador Program has been temporarily suspended until we have a Teen Program Coordinator.
- The Washington State 4-H Teen Equity and Inclusion Task Force is made of up a strong group of committed teens. They had a retreat last weekend. NBC Learns filmed and interviewed one of the teens, Mayyadah Zagelow (who is a member of our board).
- Board members were encouraged to contact the Andrea Wright, the new Dean of the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences with positive messages about 4-H.

Election of Officers

Jean Lindsey was elected as President of the State 4-H Advisory Board. Jessica Kramme was elected as Vice-President of the Washington State 4-H Advisory Board.

Forum Research

Camas French reported that the biggest volunteer concern was cost. Volunteers indicated they would be interested in attending if the cost was between \$50 - \$70. WSU is concerned about liability, both financial and risk. Camas did some checking and found that an event on Friday, Saturday dinner, and Sunday brunch at Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe could take place with a registration fee of about \$69. No hotel blocks would be provided. Attendees would be responsible for getting their own lodging. Hotels in the area cost about \$70-\$75 and RV spaces are available for about \$25. The fairgrounds have a foundation that currently holds liabilities for other events and would do that for us at \$100/day which is included in the \$69 estimate. Currently, Forum is reaching less than 1% of 4-H volunteers. At this site it would be possible to include more

youth in this event. The Southeast District is where next year's Forum would have taken place. Katrina Fenimore asked that a SE district location be considered if we are able to have a Forum type event next year. Jana Ferris informed the Advisory Board that liability will stay with WSU no matter where it is held. Forum is an opportunity for people in a county to bond, do things together, and help each other. There are 3,922 volunteers in Washington State. The Advisory Board needs to reassess the Forum and take a step back. There are things that could be done in the interim (U-tube, one day district events, and others). The most important thing to consider is that we still need to do volunteer recognition and General Council meeting (recommendations). It was suggested that an Ad Hoc committee between the Washington State 4-H Fair Board and the Washington State 4-H Advisory Board be formed to discuss the future of council recommendations. Rachel George, Jessica Fenimore, and Tony Dell volunteered to be on this committee.

Because of changes taking place within WSU, funding is not available for Tony Dell to provide support to the State Advisory Board. The board may need to contribute funds for Tony to be able to provide administrative support.