

4-H State Advisory Board Minutes Summary
January 25-26, 2020
Ellensburg, WA

Treasurer's Report

The checking account balance is \$12,154.79 after the transfer of \$26,000 to offset the 2019 Forum deficit. The checking account includes \$4,017.71 in the 4-H State Horse Program account. As of December 31, 2019, there was \$19,731.00 in the investment account. The secretary was requested to place the treasurer's report on file for audit.

State 4-H Director's Report

- **New Associate Dean and Director of Extension – Vicki McCracken, PhD**
Vicki has held several administrative positions at WSU, including Associate Vice President and Associate Vice Provost of WSU, Associate Dean and Director of CAHNRS Academic Programs, and Associate Director of the college's Agricultural Research Center. She currently serves as the Chair of Apparel, Merchandising, Design, and Textiles (AMDT). She will work 50% of Extension, 50% Chair of AMDT until the end of Spring semester, then she will assume her new role in Extension 100%.
- **Expanding Teen Leadership Opportunities**
The Adolescent Leadership Committee is currently piloting the Facilitate the Awesome, a program for adults who are facilitating groups of teens. The modules have been shared in Bellingham, Poulsbo, and Sequim; and, programs in Lewis, Spokane, and Whitman counties are working on scheduling sessions.
- **Washington State 4-H Teen Equity and Inclusion Task Force**
Under the leadership of Mayyadah Zagelow, an excellent video has been published on NBC Learn <https://www.nbclearn.com/portal/site/learn/cuecard/120870>. Videographers from NBC attended the Task Force's retreat in Wenatchee, WA. As an honorable mention for Youth in Action and as a True Leader in Equity Ambassador, Mayyadah is now working with National 4-H Council to prepare for upcoming public speaking opportunities. She is interested in sharing her 4-H story; so if you have any leads, please let her know at mayyadah.zagelow@gmail.com.
- **State Ambassadors Update**
Kim Belanger, 4-H Program Coordinator of Asotin County, the 4-H Adolescent Leadership Committee, and the current State Ambassador Adult Leaders will be reconvening and re-inventing the State Ambassadors program. Stay Tuned!
- **2018-2019 4-H Enrollment Increases**
4-H Club enrollment: 12,485 (2017-2018 was 12,383) The 4-H Club participants pay the 4-H enrollment fee.
4-H Group Enrollment: 52,085 (2017-2018 was 43,157) This is an approximate 21% increase in youth served. These youth do not pay the 4-H enrollment fee.
15% of the group enrollment was challenge training. Scott VanderWey coordinated this but has accepted a new position with a school district. A replacement has not yet been identified.
- **Volunteer Training Development**
Jana Ferris, Extension Volunteer Development Specialist, is developing training modules for volunteers through distance education options. All training will be on the national e-training website

campus.extension.org. This is a totally different platform than WSU currently uses. All volunteer labeled training and 4-H training has been peer reviewed. Stay tuned for training opportunities!

- Youth and Adults with Disabilities

We are in initial conversations with PAVE (Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment) to provide training and/or a train-the-trainer curriculum to make sure we are inclusive in our practices. It is important that everyone working with 4-H youth and adults (including judges at 4-H fairs) are accepting of everyone and have the necessary knowledge and tools available so that all youth have opportunities for mastery and success. The State 4-H Program has money for foster kids that can be used for the 4-H registration fee. Something to remember is to put the person first when talking to/about disabled by saying a “child with a disability”, not a “disabled child”.

- Junior Master Gardeners

Four counties (Pacific, Spokane, and Benton/Franklin) will be piloting the Texas A&M Junior Master Gardeners curriculum. In our quest to reach more underserved or underrepresented youth, we believe this curriculum will be of interest to both our rural and urban youth and adult volunteers. In an effort to increase 4-H numbers, a tribal club has been organized which focuses on native and medicinal plants.

WSU is in the 3rd and last year of a budget process to address a 30 million dollar shortfall. Money is still very tight.

Education Committee

This committee will revamp training videos for leaders. These videos will be geared to the audience, volunteers vs. faculty. The sexual harassment video will be redone, as well as the child protection video. The committee discussed regional training and how to get information to the volunteers without a state-wide forum. Regional trainings would take place anywhere it would be more affordable. It was suggested that a “safe zone” group of knowledgeable people from outside the regional area be used. The possibility of making notifications via text messages was discussed. They will ask people what they would prefer text, email, or both. Kickoff training would be in southeast district starting in Klickitat County.

Public Relations & Document Review Committee

There was a discussion about doing a competition and how people can be recognized as 4-H Alumni (could use stickers, decals, or gifts for registering). The committee indicated a need to translate or find material in Spanish and other languages.

Fund Development Committee

The Audit Committee members are Erin Hightower, Melody Stanaway, Lindsey Kramme, and Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn. The Fund Development committee has several fundraiser ideas. Erin Hightower shared a fundraiser idea for this year that would take place at the Chateau Saint Michelle Winery. There would be a wine tasting reception during National 4-H week which is the first full week of October. This winery is located in both the eastern and western side of Washington State. Youth could not promote or attend, but they could make party favors, etc.

2020 Training Event

A training/recognition event to replace forum was discussed. A recognition day with 1-2 target classes was suggested by some leaders with volunteer update class, changes in policy, new opportunities. It was

suggested that a recognition event and state council meeting be included. Nancy Deringer and a committee will work on this event. Forum usually takes place the third week of October. It was decided to do a recognition event on October 10 with October 3 as a backup date. The winery fundraiser would take place later in October, possibly the 24th. The winery fundraiser needs to go through the WSU Foundation. Nancy will talk to Emily Adams at the WSU Foundation.

Teen Committee

Responsibilities of the Teen Committee would include working on a way of retaining middle school and high school teens by supporting innovative programming for college and career readiness, event promotion, support of events, global program support and education, and support of state teen programs. The committee discussed the retention of middle and high school students by making use of the passport program. This program would cause teens to create a goal and develop the steps necessary to attain the goal. They also talked about training teens to work with 4-H councils and giving them a tool to work with councils. The Teen Committee will create an action plan for a video showing examples/interviews of teens working on councils.

New Business

- Membership on More Than One Board – A question was raised about people being on more than one board at the same time. It was mentioned that there needs to be a distinction between governing boards and program committees. There are currently no restrictions on how many governing boards or program committees a person can be on. The current governing boards are the State 4-H Fair Board, State 4-H Advisory Board, and the Washington State 4-H Foundation Board. Erin Hightower made a motion that individuals not be allowed to serve on more than one of the following governing boards during the same period of time: State 4-H Fair Board, State 4-H Advisory Board, Washington State 4-H Foundation Board. The motion was seconded by Rachel George and unanimously approved by the 4-H Advisory Board members.
- 4-H Membership of Board Members – All members of 4-H boards need to be certified volunteers by March 1.
- State 4-H Fair –Jana Ferris said that beginning last fall all chaperones and tag along parents who came to the State Fair were required to be certified 4-H volunteers. Those who are not already certified needed to be cleared. Self-Pay thru Sterling performs a nation-wide screening. You need to request this screening at least one week before the clearance is needed. The screening is good for one year. WATCH is no longer used to screen 4-H volunteers because their screening is for only Washington State.