

4-H State Advisory Board
March 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: SW-Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn, Pamela Toney; NE-Serah Comstock, Elizabeth Weaver; NW-Mayyadah Zagelow, Wanda Meeker; SE-Rebekah Norman, Rachel George; Extension-Jana Ferris, Tony Dell; Secretary-Vicki Contini; Treasurer-Chuck Todd; WSU State 4-H Program-Nancy Derringer

The State 4-H Advisory Board Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Rachel George.

Welcome/Introductions

Members introduced themselves in Chat.

January 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved as of March 5, 2021. Four (4) board members responded and indicated their approval of the minutes as submitted. The minutes have been submitted for posting to the 4-H Advisory Board website.

Treasurer's Report

There have been no changes since the January meeting.

Zoom Account – There is a new credit card for the Zoom account.

January 2020 Action Items

3. Done – Nancy Deringer contacted Michael Wallace (Adolescent Leadership Committee). He has agreed to identify someone to be an ex-officio representative on the Advisory Board.
8. Done – Jana Ferris emailed an image of seals and prices. Changes to the draft of the state seal program have been incorporated. It will cost \$325 for a set of 1000 seals. Since the seals come in three different colors, the cost for three sets of seals would be \$975. Information on this program needs to get to the counties by July 2021.
14. In Progress - The Teen Committee will create an action plan for a video showing examples/interviews of teens working on councils.
18. In Progress - Tony Dell – Funding was provided for the 2020 recognition event. Tony doesn't know if funding for the 2021 event will be available. The 4-H Foundation is meeting this Wednesday. Tony Dell will try to contact them. Jean Lindsey shared with the 4-H Foundation President that we need funding for awards that are presented at a volunteer recognition event. It is possible the 4-H Foundation could secure a sponsorship status and donate funds automatically every few years. Nancy Deringer thought that her 4-H Excellence fund could also be a source of funding.
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May 2020 Action Items

1. Done. Nancy Derringer – The Attorney General’s office is currently reviewing all documents. This has taken longer than expected because there is a new Attorney General.
2. Done - Nancy Derringer – The Attorney General’s office is reviewing our request regarding the type of holiday posts we can put on our Facebook page.
3. In Progress - Rachel George – Lannoye Emblems in Washington State makes pins for Jana Ferris. Rachel George will contact them about seals for the new state seal program.
4. In Progress - Elizabeth Weaver & Jana Ferris will research grants that could be used to pay for the cost of the state seals. They will also check into cost of creating a pin for the state teen leader of the year.
12. Done – Tony Dell will put on the dog training videos on the companion animal webpage.
13. Done – Jana Ferris reported that the current issue with doing conferences on-line is paying for tech support to work on a Saturday. The Western Region Volunteer Specialist group is helping West Virginia with their volunteer training conference. Jana suggested collaborating with them.

July 2020 Action Items

2. Done – Jana Ferris created a slide show and video for the volunteer recognition event with the help of WSU Communications.

October 2020 Action Items

1. Cancelled – Jean Lindsey resigned from the Advisory Board. As of this meeting Jean has not requested reimbursement for postage used to send two announcements to Washington State Councils via USPS. It is assumed she does not require reimbursement.
2. Done – The current Advisory Board members are enrolled in 4-H for the current year.

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3. In Progress – Serah Comstock has some limited-edition coffee from Starbucks. Other board members will purchase Starbuck’s cards, an Amazon card, a gift card from JoAnn’s, Starbuck’s cups, and some WSU swag as a door prize that will be awarded after the dean’s Zoom meeting with 4-H volunteers.
4. In Progress – Elizabeth Weaver will figure out a date and time in March for the Public Presentation training.
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6. In Progress – Serah Comstock, Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn, Rachel George, and Elizabeth Weaver will review and present proposed changes for the Constitution and By-Laws at the March meeting.
7. In Progress – Chuck Todd will send Rachel George the master copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.
8. Done – Tony Dell submitted the nomination of Tom Quann for the National Hall of Fame. He has received a confirmation that the nomination was received.
9. Done – Rachel George scheduled a meeting between the State 4-H Advisory Board’s Executive Committee, Jana Ferris, and Nancy Deringer to identify how the State 4-H Advisory Board can best support the state 4-H Program.
10. Cancelled – Nancy Deringer is currently working with the Attorney General’s office on what we can put on our Facebook page without permission from the Attorney General’s office.
11. Done – Nancy Deringer checked with Kristi Axtel regarding the 4-H enrollment numbers. The numbers are improving. Tony Dell received the enrollment numbers for 2020 and sent them to Chuck Todd so he can finalize the dues required from each county.

State Director’s Report

- Washington State is now in Phase 3. In-person group size has expanded from 5 to 15 youth plus two adults (Extension personnel and/or Certified Volunteer Leaders). All in-person plans must be approved by your local 4-H staff/Faculty and the local County Director. The request no longer needs to go to Pullman for approval. If you are in a large arena, you need to be in groups of no more than 15. Food is not yet being allowed at 4-H events. All safety protocols need to be followed. On April 12 the Washington State Governor will review the Covid status of the state. Counties that are not improving their Covid status could be moved back to Phase 2 or lower, which would change the size of in-person meetings.
- Know Your Government was a huge success. There were 101 youth and 23 adults in attendance for both days. The virtual option worked well.
- Healthy Living Summit reached over 500 participants by going viral. This is more than when they meet in person.
- Mental Health/First Aid training continues to be a priority.
- Snohomish County has been doing a number of volunteer trainings.
- Experience 4-H – Virtual 4-H Classes on Facebook – Our faculty and staff are offering classes on Facebook. The Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Explore4HWSUExtension/>) is getting over 2000 hits.
- 4-H is part of the Rural Health and Safety grant for Mental Health/First Aid. We will put together a training program for QPR that will allow all teens and volunteers to receive mental health/first aid training. In 2021 we will be training people and in the fall hosting training.
- Health Habits incorporating Soccer for Success. We could be seeing some new 4-H soccer clubs.
- Oregon State University received a USDA NIFA grant for virtual reality field trips (DIVE4agriculture) that focuses on agriculture from fish to forest to fields. We will be partnering with them and offering this cutting-edge curriculum to our 4-H youth.

- Brightmark has paid for four registrations for the Agri-Science Summit. Three teens and an adult from Yakima County attended this event last weekend. Brightmark is a Dairy Biomethane company that recycles manure and plastics 1-7. They are working with 4-H teams in Washington, Wisconsin, and New York.
- Benton-Franklin 4-H Faculty Emmanuel Osafo received a \$12,500 grant from Corteva Agriscience to implement a 4-H Pollinator Habitat grant.
- Grays Harbor 4-H Faculty Dan Teuteberg received a \$40,000 grant from Summit Pacific Medical Center to implement a 4-H Tech Changemakers project. This will help teens teach adults (patients) how to do remote consultations with healthcare professionals.
- A proposal has been submitted to USDA NIFA Children, Youth, Families At-Risk to implement the Juntos 4-H Project in Chelan and Whatcom Counties. The goals are to engage Latinx youth in 8th grade and higher so they complete high school and attend post-secondary education.
- A proposal will be submitted to National 4-H Council for the 4-H Tech Changemakers project. Counties identified in this proposal were Whatcom, Skagit, Wahkiakum, Grant, Ferry, and Spokane, plus Colville and Kalispel Tribal Reservations, and the MLK Center.
- Mayyadah Zagelow, the 2021 Youth in Action Pilar Winner for Healthy Living, has been asked to speak in Virginia, Louisiana, Oregon, and Washington.
- Kevin Wright, King County Faculty and Director, is retiring. His last day at work will be April 2. There will be a Zoom party on March 31 from 4-5 pm.

Authors of Change

Mayyadah Zagelow and her team put on a video 4-H Teen Conference entitled “Authors of Change” that was attended by 36 people from seven different states. This conference discussed how to make a change within their community or start a task force. The flier is on the equity website. (www.wa4hteenequity.weebly.com/#)

Direction of Board

The Advisory Board’s focus has been leader education thru the yearly forum. Since the forum is no longer taking place, the Advisory Board needs to determine whether their focus will be recruitment and retention or club oversight. The four pillars of National 4-H Council are agriculture, healthy living, STEM, and civic engagement. A 4-H club program steering committee would facilitate volunteer/teen recognition programs, identify 4-H curriculum for project areas, develop/sponsor subject-matter based volunteer workshops focused on specific 4-H project areas, and facilitate the State 4-H Council meeting to provide a conduit for volunteer proposed policy changes.

The Advisory Board members felt the steering committee was a better fit with what the board has been doing. There was a discussion about creating a separate committee to work on reaching underserved populations. It was decided that this may require finding an individual that can help us reach underserved populations. Nancy Derringer may be the one that needs to meet with these individuals and discuss how to work with and not compete against other youth organizations. By 2027 we need to reach 1 in 5 underserved youth in the state and in each county. We need to be able to bring in experts to help us.

We should be reaching the demographic population in each county. 4-H enrollment is currently 3% Latinx while the state has a Latinx population of 24%.

Serah Comstock made a motion that the State 4-H Advisory Board be based on the Steering Committee model. The motion was seconded by Pam Toney and unanimously approved by the State 4-H Advisory Board.

Mission and Vision Statement (objective & purposes)

Rachel George will email this document to everyone on the board, it is currently in our google drive. Serah Comstock made a motion to approve the draft objective and purpose and move it to the By-Laws and Constitution Committee for finalization. The motion was seconded by Mayyada Zagelow and unanimously approved by the State 4-H Advisory Board.

By-Laws and Constitution Committee

A By-Laws and Constitution Committee was formed to finalize the Mission and Vision Statement. They will also draft an update to the By-Laws and Constitution. Serah Comstock, Jana Ferris, Mayyada Zagelow, Chuck Todd, and Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn volunteered to be on the committee. Serah Comstock volunteered to be the Chair of this committee and will schedule a Zoom meeting.

Standing Rules/Standard Operating Procedures Committee

Rachel George, Vicki Contini, Tony Dell, Peggy Hirte-Uhlorn, Elizabeth Weaver, Pam Toney, and Rebekah Norman volunteered to be on this committee. Elizabeth Weaver volunteered to be the Chair and will schedule a Zoom meeting.

The goal for both committees is to come back with something to present at the May 14 meeting.

Rachel George reported that Melody Stanaway needs to leave board. Her school commitment is keeping her too busy to be able to participate.

Adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Contini, Secretary
Washington State 4-H Advisory Board

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