

Leaders Council Meeting Minutes: 10/19/2019

Orcas Hotel

Present: Amy Lum, Josephine Bangs, Martha Lum, LeAnne GrosJacques-Burt, Mindy Kayl, Lisl Thomsen, Kathy Morris, Lisa Pignatiello, Wendy Waxman Kern, Tamara Greene, Micha Traynor
Acting secretary for this meeting: Lisa Pignatiello

- Call to Order: 7:55 am
- Roll call
- WSU Updates from Wendy:
 - Ag Summit at Camp Orkila on February 1 and 2. We are looking for 4-H youth and adult involvement – teen panel, opportunities for youth to do posters or demonstrations. Kathy: opportunity to recruit leaders and entice them with Orkila activities for youth. Wendy will offer a workshop for 4-H volunteers. LeAnne mentioned kids could have time slots for their presentations. (For example, Betty could give a talk on sheep.)
 - Emily Adams, WSU 4-H Development, visited San Juan in September and will return to Coffelt Farm on October 25th. Please contact Amy Lum if interested in joining. We will discuss ways to approach potential sponsors in the community in order to build up the San Juan County 4-H Endowment, and thus be able to offer broader opportunities for scholarship and educational activities. Wendy and Emily will travel to Lopez on October 27th.
 - Wendy will offer office hours/programming on each of the islands. Fridays are good days, but she is open to other days. Please reach out about scheduling and programming needs.
 - Teen Summit: May 2 and 3 at Camp Orkila. Theme is self-esteem, which was chosen by the teens at the 2019 Teen Summit. We are still looking for more teens to help with the planning committee. Avery Solesbee has already volunteered.
 - Background checks for volunteers with last names L – Z. Wendy will be contacting those affected.
 - Reminder: log volunteer hours.
 - Stay tuned: new financial reporting requirements.
 - Discussion around alignment of county and state Fair Premium Books and starting with sheep and goat departments.
 - Knife sales: Wendy will send out an email to all leaders asking if someone is willing to take on responsibility for the knife sales. If not, the remaining inventory will be offered to leaders; everything left over will be sold by Amy Lum at the Coffelt Farm Stand.
 - Discussion around new options for fundraising if we are going to discontinue knife sales. Noted that signs promoting 4-H at the Fair on each island could help build 4-H awareness, recognition and attendance. There was general agreement that creating a Fundraising Committee that could obtain signs, possibly sell T-shirts and pursue other means to promote 4-H was a good idea to address later in the meeting.
 - Later in the meeting reviewing and looking to increase recognition of 4-H members (photos in newspaper, stories, meetings, etc.)

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- Prevention Coalition meeting: Wendy encouraged all to think of ways to connect with Prevention groups. Martha mentioned that Orcas had talked about this in their school. Kathy and Mindy discussed the benefits of recruiting mentors and mentees to participate in club activities. Wendy will follow up with director of Orcas Fun House about mentoring program.
- Proposition 2: 4-H and leaders representing 4-H are not allowed to take an official position.
- Lisa gave the treasurer's report. The proposed budget was accepted as is with the following revisions:
 - General Account: LeAnne made motion to add \$300.00 to Advertising budget to cover 4-H Fair banners (one for each island) and t-shirts for sale at the Fair. The motion was seconded and voted down. After further discussion, Kathy made a motion to increase the amount to \$500.00 based on initial research of banner costs. Lisa seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Dedicated Account: The Orcas Island Community Foundation projected income is \$0.00, as the focus of the fundraiser has changed. Kathy Morris indicated that Orcas 4-H would do other fundraising for Know Your Government.
 - Dedicated Account: Discussed \$500.00 designated for Archery. This money has not been used in the past two years. Lisl asked whether the money is designated for a San Juan Island startup that has not yet formed, or whether the money can be used for Archery in general. Lisa will follow up with Terri.
 - Lisa will edit the 4-H State Forum line item to read: "4-H State Forum 2020", or the next year because when the annual budget meeting takes place, the event has almost always passed.
 - Discussed KYG line item: \$1200 is allocated in the general account budget first to cover full registration/hotel based on early registration fees (~\$300/attendee). The club generally pays for food, activities. If more kids want to go than has been allotted, fundraising is expected to cover, but the club can definitely request additional funds (often agreed to in the past).
 - An updated "approved" 2019-2020 budget will be circulated to all.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from May & August – unanimous
- Committees established/renewed:
 - Established: Promotional/fundraising committee (also to include recognition of 4-H members): LeAnne GrosJacques-Burt, Mindy Kayl, Lisa Pignatiello, Kathy Morris
 - EAS Scholarship Committee: Lisa Pignatiello and Kathy Morris
 - Awards Committee: Chela King (?), Kathy Morris, Anne Brahic (?)
 - LMAAC as is
 - Horse as is
 - Policy Review Committee: Lisl Thomsen, Joe Thoron, Bill Shaw (?), Jan Sanburg (?)

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- Established: Working Group for policy / premium book alignment. Wendy offered to host/cover this as she visits each island before the end of the year. Wendy will organize.
- 2019-2020 Officers
 - President: Amy Lum
 - Vice President: Josephine Bangs
 - Treasurer: Lisa Pignatiello
 - Secretary: Kathy Morris
- New Business:
 - Additional recognition for livestock overall high point and overall high point was missing at the Awards Ceremony at this year's Fair. General discussion about wanting to find additional ways to recognize youth, including newspaper and presence at the Ag Summit.
 - Leaders Council decided to engage 4-H youth in Leaders Council meeting. Everyone decided that one representative per club could come to meetings and report.
 - LeAnne mentioned that the Washington State Sheep Producers Convention will take place on San Juan Island in November 2020.
 - Mindy has arranged for a 'yacht ride to SJ Fair' as a new thank you /fundraiser idea to drive attendance and bidding at next year's Livestock and Still Life Auctions. The trip would offer 2 spots to 4 Orcas businesses who would share the ride and enjoy locally grown food (and beverages?) donated by local growers.
 - Ramblers Booth discussion goes onto next meeting's agenda.
 - Next meeting: January 11th in Friday Harbor at the WSU Extension Office
- Meeting adjourned: 9:55am

Action Items:

- Wendy will schedule office hours on other islands, with an initial focus on 4-H enrollment and premium book work groups.
- Wendy will follow up with Camp Orkila regarding additional activities for youth during the Ag Summit.
- Wendy will send an email to all leaders regarding the future of knife sales.
- LeAnne will begin review of sheep department; Amy will begin review of goat department.
- Lisa will check with Terri regarding intention of Archery line item in Dedicated Account.
- Lisa will edit the "State Forum" line item to reflect the following year.
- Wendy will contact Bill to schedule LMAAC meeting so that budget can be determined
- Invitations will be issued to each of the clubs to encourage one club representative from to attend Leaders Council meetings: Who is designing the invitation?
- Design and production of Fair banners for each island, as well as t-shirt order for sale at the Fair: LeAnne? Lisa? Mindy? Kathy?