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**San Juan County Leaders Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17,2023**

**Meeting Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Jan Sanburg, Leaders Council Co-President.

**Officers Present:** Jan Sanburg - Co-President, Terri Brown, Co-President, Adam Eltinge- Vice President, Kathy Babbitt-Treasurer, Rosa Potts, Dan Gardner, Jane Fuller, Angie Freeman Shepard.

**WSU Extension:** Jennifer Krembs, San Juan County 4-H Coordinator

**Minutes:** San Juan County Executive Planning Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2022 regarding 2022-2023 Leaders Council Budget reviewed.

**Treasurer Report:** N/A

**2022-2023 Budget:** Reviewed and approved by unanimous vote with the caveat that \$200 will be included for 4-H pins, and so amended. See Attached Budget.

**Opening Remarks:** Jan Sanburg- Co-President

This January meeting is set to review and update policies for the 2023 4-H Fair Premium Book. However, there has been no input from the Livestock groups which is important. We will table the policy discussion to a special meeting in February and remind all 4-H clubs to review and submit policy changes for consideration. All unanimously approved this action.

Jan further discussed the role of 4-H to help raise positive and productive youth. It's an opportunity to meet outside school and family, to work, succeed, fail and try again together. The annual Fair allows 4-H youth to shine and demonstrate what they've learned and achieved during the year. The role of the Council is to bring leaders together to collaborate to create equity and break down barriers. With respect to the 4-H State Policy, we can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive. If problems arise, we refer to our policies and if changes need to be made we have the ability to do so.

**4-H Coordinator Comments:**

Jennifer Krembs announced 4-H has grown from 5 functioning clubs to 16 in her short tenure. 51 children are now enrolled and she has recruited new adult volunteers in various stages of training.

The San Juan Island School District is willing to partner with 4-H to support soccer, baseball and visual arts projects.

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The following 4-H youth have registered for the KYG Wenatchee trip: Moose Kinsey, Elian Bayas, and Betty Burt.

The Agriculture Summit is being held on March 3 and March 4 and **Moose Kinsey will be attending.**

Brook Brower, Executive Director of SJC Washington State Extension has tendered his resignation, with a departure planned for mid-March. It will take time to replace him. An interim person will be stepping into his role while recruitment takes place.

**Issue with San Juan County Parks and Recreation (SJ CPR) over the traditional use of the Marie Boe building during Fair Week.**

The Council had a significant and lengthy discussion about the changes the County Parks and Recreation wants to make at the Fair with a very negative impact to 4-H. The Marie Boe building has for years been the headquarters for San Juan County 4-H at the Fair. Without discussion with 4-H, SJ CPR is intending to move the Textiles Group to the Marie Boe building and move 4-H into the large Fair Main Building giving 4-H a section to use.

What ensued was an hour-long conversation about what actions could be taken such as contacting County Council members, meeting with Mike Thomas, County Manager and others. Talk of forming a committee was considered but in the end our co- presidents wanted time to mull over the situation.

Jennifer Krembs followed up that a meeting will be held between Mike Thomas and Brook Brower to elevate this issue and potentially work out a resolution that will work for all. Jennifer has the Council for time to allow this meeting to take place without any social media leaks to further damage the situation.

It was left that Jan Sanburg would get in touch with Jennifer Krembs and Brook Brower after mulling over this very critical issue.

**Amendment to the 4-H Still Life Auction Policy:** There has been some confusion with respect to the net proceeds the 4-H youth receive from sale of their goods at the Fair Still Life Auction. Somehow the holdback was changed from 3% to 10% quite a while ago (a review of the Still Life Auction Policy in 5 years of Premium Books), however, no record of a formal change is in any minutes. The Leaders Council had a short discussion as to the need to withhold proceeds as the items sold usually are under \$20 and it makes sense to let the youth have the full proceeds.

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Kathy Babbitt motioned to change the 4-H Still Life Action Policy to provide 100% of the auction proceeds on each item sold during the annual auction. Adam Eltinge seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting:** February 28, 2023, 5 to 7 pm via Zoom.

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm with a motion by Adam Eltinge, seconded by Angie Freeman Shepard

Submitted by:

Kathy Babbitt  
4-H Leaders Council Treasurer