

Thurston County 4-H Council
February 27, 2023
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Jenny Taylor, Mark Fleischer, Kathryn Gauthier, Doreen Tudor, Chris Swearingen, Lucas Swearingen, Emily Killeen

Introductions

Pledge of Allegiance/4-H Pledge

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve minutes-Mark
Seconded by Chris
Unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

\$25 in savings
\$10,411.57 in checking

Committee Reports

- Know Your Government (KYG) report by Kathryn. She was a Pierce County 4-H member for 13 years and participated in KYG as a delegate and a conference facilitator. She has been on the planning committee for four years. This year the conference was in Wenatchee and was attended by 48 youth from 11 counties. There were 24 adults. Next year KYG will be back in Olympia. February 17-20, 2024 at the Olympia Red Lion (Olympia Hotel). Her husband Clinton is also on the planning committee. Half of the planning team is here in Thurston County. Next year will be on Elections. Open to 8th grade and up. Historically 180-200 youth participate.
- Shooting Sports report by Mark. February 26 practice had 22 archery and 13 shotgun. They are working on setting up as an individual club with an EIN. They have used \$336 used in range time of the \$350 loan from the Council.
- Petersen Barn Committee report by Jenny. Met Thursday Feb. 23. We need a poultry superintendent. Emily submitted a proposal to add turkeys to the market sale. We are updating animal certificates. The certificate will be electronic (Google Form) and will be for all small animals and due June 1. Barn Cleanups and clinic dates have been set.
- Interstate Exchange report by Doreen. Doreen says that interstate exchange will return in the fall.
- Horse Committee report by Emily. Cynthia Worth and Vicki Powers are stepping down from their horse leadership roles. JoAnn Sabisch will still be Treasurer. Molly Pestinger will still be Secretary. They are working on filling the Horse Superintendent and Program Leader Positions. The clubs will be splitting job for leaders. They have about 30 horse

members. Most inquiries to the horse project are for horseless horse. Archery will be held in the horse arena during the fair.

4-H Office Report

- The 4-H office has set up a schedule of practices and project opportunities at the Extension office.
- Lucas is doing Robotics on Thursday nights.

Old Business

- Lynch Creek Fundraiser check of \$171 has been received and deposited.
- Elections tabled.
- Bylaws/Budget tabled.
- Raspberry Pie 4 is ready to be purchased now that the Lynch Creek check has been deposited. It is a single board computer the size of a credit card. It will teach programming. Robotics meets twice a month and usually has 9-11 kids.

New Business

- Junior Master Gardener Conference. The Council has been asked to cover the three registrations for Emily, Kris, and Michele. \$195 total. Motion by Mark. Seconded by Doreen. Unanimously approved.
- Project Completion Recognition. Emily shared a new proposal for multiple options for project award completion for Achievement Afternoon. There would be three options to earn a project medal: record book, portfolio, application (questions & answers). Emily will email out the draft of the proposal so we can review the document. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- Shooting Sports will be proposing another loan to the council for ammunition. This one will most likely be for \$1500 and will cover 120 cases and will cover storage and delivery. Evergreen Sportsman Club will store in a locked room. There will be significant cost savings due to the large order. Mark is working on the proposal and will bring it to another meeting.
- Duck Dash is coming up at the fairgrounds. Mark said that the shooting sports club will be wanting to participate to get money from the Rotary Club.
- Legislative Day at Evergreen Sportsman Club. 20-40 legislatures will be attending a fun shoot at Evergreen Sportsman Club. This is on March 23. Mark is planning on being there to talk to them about 4-H shooting sports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting is March 27.

Minutes submitted by Jenny Taylor, President