

Thurston County 4-H Council
January 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Doreen Tudor-Bennett, Jenny Taylor, Molly Pestinger, Emily Killeen, Chris Swearingen, Lucas Swearingen, Jamie Teuteberg

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved unanimously with correction to Jamie Tueteberg's name in attendance

Treasurer's Report:

none

Committee Reports:

none

4-H Office Report:

- Emily spoke with Theresa Reid. The tentative dates of the fair are July 28-August 1. The fair board has approved the dates. This is a week earlier than normal due to the carnival not being available the usual dates. They are unsure if there will be a fair due to COVID restrictions, so they are holding off on marketing and advertising.
- We are still waiting to find out if open air barns are considered outdoor activities.
- Clinic and practices are up in the air.
- Southwest 4-H staff are meeting twice a month.
- There are a number of virtual workshops being offered.
- We received a grant with Tumwater HOPES; funding from WA Health Care Authority. We received \$9,150 to start new 4-H Club for Tumwater Elementary Schools.
- The Cluster is working on standardizing training for leader training and orientation. Encourage parents who have not gone through leader training to complete sooner than later. New requirements go in affect for October 2021.

Old Business:

Achievement Evening—We saved money on decorations. The program was short, about 30 minutes. Suggested to add recognition for graduating seniors to ceremony.

Budget Committee—Enrollment is down (we have less \$ coming in). We have an unknown amount of money coming from Tractor Supply Co. We are looking at possible fundraisers such as selling snacks or having an auction. Committee discussed bringing back day camp. Reviewed budget for 20-21.

Motion to approve budget made by Jenny.

Seconded by Lucas.

Unanimously approved.

Update on Melody's position—Part of Dianna's position was as Coordinator of the International Exchange program. This freed up part of her salary for the 4-H office assistant. Since Emily is not doing the International Exchange program, there is no money to fund Melody's position. She will come in for special projects.

Elections—

Nominations have been received and accepted. We will vote in February.

President (2 year term)—Jenny Taylor

Vice President (1 year term)—Chris Swearingen
Secretary (2 year term)—Molly Pestinger
Treasurer (1 year term)—Doreen Tudor
Teen Representative (1 year term)—Lucas Swearingen
Teen Representative (1 year term)—opening available

Club Funding Request for Steamboat Island 4-H Club—The Council is unable to fund individual club requests due to our current budget and uncertainty of income. We will still consider individual requests due to financial hardship.

New Business:

Zonta Grant—Applications due tomorrow. It is a two-year cycle, 2021-2022. The group is focused on women's empowerment through service and advocacy. The previous grant purchased STEM program supplies and kits. We have received \$2000 in the past. The grant ranges from \$500-3000.

Motion to apply for grant by Jenny
Seconded by Chris
Unanimously approved

Council Meeting Dates—There are a lot of committee meeting the second week of each month. Council meets 2nd Monday, Dog and Horse meet on 2nd Tuesday, and Petersen Barn Committee meets the 2nd Thursday. Discussion to move Council to the 4th Monday of the month so meetings are spread out and we can get reports on Committee meetings.

Motion to change Council to 4th Monday made by Molly
Seconded by Chris
Unanimously approved

Our next meeting will be February 22 by Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Taylor, Secretary