



THURSTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 25th, 2021

Virtual, Zoom

4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

Jenny Taylor, President
Chris Swearingen, Vice President
Molly Pestinger, Secretary
Doreen Tudor-Bennett, Treasurer
Lucas Swearingen, Teen Rep.

Meeting called to order by Jenny at 7:09 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDEES
Molly Pestinger, 4-H Council Secretary
Jenny Taylor, 4-H Council President
Laura Killeen, Teen Leader
Emily Killeen, 4-H Coordinator
Miles Pestinger, Teen Leader
Doreen Tudor-Bennett, 4-H Council Treasurer

MINUTES (7/12/2021):

- Additions/corrections: None
- Motion to approve/second – Doreen Tudor-Bennett/Laura Killeen
- Motion to approve passes – Unanimous approval

TREASURERS REPORT: (As of Sept. 30th 2021)

- \$25.00 in Checking Account
- \$14,238.29 in Savings Account

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Horse Committee:** None
- **Dog Committee:** None
- **Peterson Barn Committee:** New Cat Superintendent has started the Leader training process
- **Teen Club/Know Your Government:** None

4-H OFFICE REPORT

- We now have 11 clubs with at least two leaders enrolled.
- A Thurston County 4-H unlimited club will be created for kids who don't have another club that fits with their project. Family clubs will also be allowed this year. The hope is to utilize the teen leaders to help facilitate with the unlimited club "stations". The idea will be for kids to attend for one or more stations. Emily is waiting to hear back from the Fairboard to see if we can use Heritage Hall once a month on a Sunday afternoon.
- Know Your Government will be going forward but will most likely be virtual again this year. State staff meeting will be 10/26/21, look for more info to come.
- We are hoping to get a new Tumwater Hopes staff member so we can continue with that program.
- Emily presented to North Thurston High School and will be looking into offering workshops at other area high schools. The FFA advisor discussed the option of pairing up to do a local one day or weekend Spring Fair. Emily will present the idea to the Fairboard to see if they would be open to allowing us to use the Fairgrounds to have a small Spring Fair.
- Emily will be doing follow up communications with leaders to remind everyone to complete the financial reports for the year. Leaders also need to be sure they complete the online financial training that is required by the state.

- Leader training available on November 8th and 10th 6:30-8:30pm via zoom.
- If you have questions, reach out to Kris and Emily at the tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us email. Please remember to read the Tuesday News.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lynch Creek Farm Wreath Fundraiser:
 - We have an option to sell wreaths through Lynch Creek Farm. It is an online wreath selling fundraiser. We would set up a link that can be shared with people to order wreaths and they will be shipped directly to the buyers. No money or wreaths need to be collected by the 4-H Council.
 - Motion to approve the fundraiser by Molly/second by Doreen. Unanimous approval. Jenny will set up fundraiser.
- Nomination for officers for 2021-2022. Voting on Officer slate will take place at the November meeting.
 - President: Jennifer Taylor (continuing)
 - **Vice President: nomination Christine Swearingen**
 - Secretary: Molly Pestinger (continuing)
 - **Treasurer: nomination Doreen Tudor-Bennett**
- Bylaw/Policy Updates:
 - The Bylaw/Policy Committee has met to review the bylaws. The state is updating the policies, so those will be updated at a later date. Emily will send the updated bylaws to the council for review. Once it has been reviewed and approved by the council, they will be emailed to all leaders for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Achievement Recognition Event:
 - Event will be online again this year. Doreen motioned to approve having the awards ceremony on Friday December 3rd 7pm on Zoom. Molly seconded. Unanimous approval. Emily will send reminders to clubs for awards.
- JoAnn Sabisch has been nominated as the Thurston County Leader of the Year. Lucas Swearingen was nominated for the Teen Leader of the Year.
- There were 200 members enrolled last year and 66 scholarships covered by the 4-H Council. Emily is checking the workshop account to see how the scholarships will get paid. Will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Youth Scholarship for National Trip for Katie and Charlotte Pestinger:
 - Charlotte Pestinger qualified to attend the 4-H National competition in Kentucky in the Horse Judging event. Katie Pestinger qualified to attend the competition in the Public Speaking event. Katie and Charlotte wrote a letter requesting funds to assist them.
 - Doreen motioned to approve a \$500 donation for each Katie and Charlotte Pestinger using the budget money set aside for national trip scholarship funds from both the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 budget. Laura seconded. Unanimous approval.
- If anyone has questions for Emily, please email her at tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

Next meeting Monday, November 22nd at 7:00pm, Virtual Zoom meeting

Meeting adjourned by Jenny at 8:37pm
Submitted by Molly Pestinger, Secretary