



THURSTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 26th, 2021

Virtual, Zoom

4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

Jenny Taylor, President
Lucas Swearingen, Vice President
Molly Pestinger, Secretary
Doreen Tudor-Bennett, Treasurer

Meeting called to order by Jenny at 7:03 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDEES
Molly Pestinger, 4-H Council Secretary
Jenny Taylor, 4-H Council President
Doreen Tudor-Bennett, 4-H Council Treasurer
Joann Killeen, Teen Leader
Emily Killeen, 4-H Coordinator
Annthea Gobel, Public Presentation Superintendent
Charlotte Pestinger and Solana Spector, Teen Leaders
Mark Fleischer, Shooting Sports coordinator

INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGES

MINUTES (06/27/2022):

- Additions/corrections: None
- Motion to approve/second – Doreen Tudor/Annthea Gobel
- Motion to approve passes – Unanimous approval

TREASURERS REPORT: (As of 8-31-22)

- \$25.00 in Savings Account
- \$13,433.09 in Checking Account

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Horse Committee: Thurston County represented well at the state fair; winning Grand or Reserve Champion placings in showmanship in every horse section. The Thurston County Hippology team won the state competition and will be competing in the National competition in November in Kentucky.
- Dog Committee: None
- Peterson Barn Committee: Peterson committee ended up not needing to use the council Square account, everyone just paid in cash for the clinics. The clinics all went well.
- Teen Club/Know Your Government: Interstate Exchange will be stating back up this fall. Doreen is looking for teens to participate. Youth need to be 13 by the time they travel in July. KYG will be in Spokane, February 18-20. The State Teen Conference will be returning as well.
- Shooting Sports: Shotgun and Archery clubs will meet the 4th Sunday of each month. Evergreen Sportsman Club will be the practice location.

4-H OFFICE REPORT

- The 4-H office is working on a handbook to hand out to new members as well as working on a calendar. We don't have fair dates yet. Grant funded clubs and outreach clubs will be returning this year. Many people have been looking for clubs to join. The Unlimited club will be continuing. Lucas is willing to make the sheep project available for interested members.

- New 4-H year is starting soon. New year orientation/welcome meetings will be scheduled after people have had a chance to enroll.
- Dates will soon be announced for leader training, etc.
- 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:

- Emily bought awards and t-shirts and will submit documentation for reimbursements.
- We will have a Bylaws/Policies committee to update the bylaws and policies.
- The budget will be reviewed in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Officer Elections will be in November. This year the President and Secretary positions will be up for election. Jenny has been President for many years and is looking for someone else to step up to be the council president. If anyone has nominations for council president or secretary, please email Emily.
- Achievement Celebration:
 - Traditionally the celebration is the first Sunday afternoon of November. Doreen made a motion to hold the achievement afternoon awards celebration on November 6th at 2pm (with a back up date of November 13th). Annthea seconded. Unanimous approval. Emily will check with the fairgrounds to make sure Heritage Hall is available.
 - Nominations for awards are due October 7th.
 - Leader of the Year, Teen Leader of the Year awards need to be submitted to the state office by October 1st. Jenny would like to nominate Shannon Allen as Teen Leader and Debbie Keese, who is one of the poultry superintendents, as Leader of the Year. Debbie handled the challenges that the avian flu presented and helped make the fair a positive experience for the poultry project 4-H members. Doreen made a motion to accept the nomination of Debbie as Leader of the Year and Shannon as Teen Leader of the Year. Annthea seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Shannon Allen applied for the Zoe Cook scholarship. Emily read the application and shared that Shannon is a huge help for many 4-H clubs. Doreen shared that she is also a well-rounded member, being active in her school as well. Molly made a motion to approve Shannon's application for the scholarship. Doreen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Request for funds for Nationals
 - ARBA National Rabbit Judging Contest- Joann Killeen is a member of the 24 carrots 4-h club. After competing at the WA State youth judging contest, Joann qualified to attend the 2022 American Rabbit Breeders Association national convention to represent WA state in the youth judging contest. Joann placed 3rd at the WA state youth judging contest and will be part of a 4 person team from around the state representing WA State. This year the national competition will be in Nevada. Joanne requested financial assistance from the council.
 - The 4-H Eastern Nationals Hippology Contest will be held in November in Kentucky. Solana Spector, Charlotte Pestinger, and Baeya Kardokus are a part of the Thurston County Hippology team who won the WA State Hippology contest and will be representing our state at the National competition. Charlotte and Solana explained what the Hippology contest is and shared with the council the different elements of the contest. Charlotte also read a statement from Baeya Kardokus who was unable to attend the meeting. Charlotte, Baeya, and Solana requested financial assistance from the council to help cover some of the costs of the Nationals trip.

- Doreen made a motion to approve \$500 for each child to assist in the expenses of the national contest (Joann Killeen, Charlotte Pestinger, Solana Spector, and Baeya Kardokus) and \$250 to assist Molly Pestinger's expenses as the coach. Annthea Gobel seconded. Unanimous approval
- The Lynch Creek Wreath Fundraiser was a success last year. Jenny is able to set up the fundraiser again for members to sell wreaths. The Lynch Creek farm ships the wreaths, so there is minimal effort for the members. Doreen made a motion to approve the council have a Lynch Creek Wreath Fundraiser. Annthea seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next meeting Monday, October 24th at 7:00pm, Virtual Zoom meeting

Meeting adjourned by Jenny at 8:44pm
Submitted by Molly Pestinger, Secretary