



**Asotin County 4-H Leaders Council  
Minutes  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge**

**Reading of Mission Statement**

**Reading or disposition of minutes and correspondence:** Minutes were accepted and approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Tobianne Peterson sent a letter announcing her resignation from the vice-presidency. Gail Campbell wrote a letter letting everyone know that her husband has cancer, however would still like to continue to serve as president. She asked that people not contact her during this time, as she is caring for him.

We also received a scholarship request to send 8 youth to SE district teen rally.

**Announcements & Special Guests:** Susan & Emily Adams, Callie Harrison & Rylan Hayes all went to state to give their demonstrations. Emily was not allowed to shoot her bow so she was not able to give her demonstration. Rylan received a blue ribbon for his "Every Day Piggie Products" demonstration. He also discussed how different it was giving demonstrations there as compared to ours.

**Reports of Officers -**

**Treasurer's Report:** \$4160.90 in checking. He does not have any other balances at this point. Motion was made to accept treasure's report and passed unanimously.

**Extension Office:** Walla Walla is hosting SE District Teen Rally. Registration forms due Wednesday. Extension office will rent a van and Kim Belanger will drive and chaperone youth.

With the new program year there are no current reservations for Boyd hall so if you need to make a reservation, contact Kim.

With the new changes in state policy, we need to revisit our policies and bylaws by next month so will need to have a committee with executive committee and leaders spearheading.

**Fair Board:** They elected officers. There is only one change: VP is now Kelly Longfellow. McKenzie Welch is secretary, Peggy Hansford is still President and Shan Bonson is still treasurer. They were notified about the new state fee and will be discussing options. They are looking at possibilities to get more parking and will be getting more reports about it tomorrow night at their meeting. Their work day will either be on the 14<sup>th</sup> or the next following Saturday in October. They will be doing some painting and turning off the water. Would like to see 4-H kids out there helping.

They are going to re-vamp the beef barns and Barb Appleford is trying to get some supplies to have this all done before fair. They also want to repaint all the buildings on the inside including the Bennett building. They have also made a list of electrical needs and an electrician will have it done by fair. Rodeo was down financially a bit but the fair was up. The actual amounts are not available as of yet. State funding is still available with no increase.

**4-H/FFA Boosters:** Next week is first meeting and they will be working the rock and gem show in October

Standing Committees: No meetings

**Unfinished Business -**

- A. Nominations for LC President, Secretary *and Vice President*, ~ vote in October: Gail Campbell was nominated for president and Stephanie Lathrop for secretary. Treasurer Mike Cooper was nominated for Vice President and offered to serve in both positions.

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- B. Announce 2016-17 Leader of the Year – and Teen Leader of the Year!!! It was announced that Stephanie Lathrop has been named Leader of the year and Kerington Tenwick is the Teen Leader of the year. They are invited to forum October 20-22.
- C. Received 20 Record Books for Gold Medal Judging: They received books from 3 different groups this year Beckman Gulch, Snake River, and Country Time. Extension office hopes to have them back by November 9<sup>th</sup> Leader's Council meeting.

**New Business**

- A. Motion was made to approve the \$200 request of \$25 per youth to attend SE District Camp. Budget is \$325 but it is unknown how state funding will be delved out. Motion was passed to fund \$200 passed unanimously.
- B. Open enrollment for 2017-2018 4-H Program Year October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. On line enrollment is closed till October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Forum October 20-22<sup>nd</sup> at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA:
- D. New Washington State 4-H program enrollment fee: Mark Heitstuman gave a presentation about how the new fees are going to be used. There are resources for leaders, parents and members. They had about a 10% budget cut in state funding and university allocations and there is an increased cost of doing business. Of the money raised, 10% will go to marketing, 35% toward quality educational programs to educate faculty staff and volunteers and %55 for safe environment and risk management. Online database, national volunteer screening and background checks, supplemental insurance for all enrolled 4-H Members.

The \$25 fee (for clover buds too) is similar to other groups such as boy scouts/girl scouts and will remain this price for the next 3 years. No fees for enrolled leaders and volunteers. \$5 of the fee will be returned to the counties to support local 4-H programs.  
Method of payment: Cash/check at the office or can pay on-line using credit/debit card with 2.9% transaction fee and WSU will charge an 8% revenue fee. /there are no scholarships offered through WSU.

It was suggested that we reduce financial burden and lower Asotin county fee back to \$10 and possibly waive clover bud fee. Discussion ensued. Motion was made that juniors, intermediates, and seniors pay \$10 for the county fee. Motion passed unanimously. There is no fee for cloverbuds.

A motion was made to require on line registration payment fees be made by cash or check only. Motion passed unanimously The Extension office will be looking at other on-line options that will cost us less to use.

Discussion ensued about offering scholarships and what the parameters will be. Options regarding requirement of recipients of free or reduced lunches be the scholarship qualification. Kim has a draft and will research legalities. Subject will be tabled until our next meeting. Mark has access to funds, will cover 25 scholarships and donate \$500! (Thanks Mark!!) A Motion was made to table discussion until next meeting.

**Adjournment** – Next Meeting: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

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