

# Mason County 4-H Council Meeting Notes

Submitted by: Lucy Teuteberg  
January 10, 2023 - 6:00pm

Wendy Vance called the meeting to order, and did introductions. Pledges were led by Lucy and Mckenzie.

Attendance: Heather Doran, Dan Teuteberg, Lucy Teuteberg, Katie Gunter, Natalie Seals, Melissa Seals, Mckenzie Vance, Wendy Vance, Michael Bigelow, Marilyn Brennan, Alan Walker.

November meeting minutes were approved with no changes with motion from Melissa Seals, and second by Katie Gunter. All approved, no opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer's report given by Michael Bigelow. Total balance is reported to be \$78,600.53 in checking, \$18,326.08 in certificates as of 11/30/2022. Discussion about status of taking Alan off of the bank account, signatures needed for adding Wendy to the bank account (vote to add Wendy Vance to the existing Mason County 4-H Leaders Council account at Our Community Credit Union. All voted, and approved this motion. Signatures gathered and Wendy will be added to the account). Additional discussion about who should be on the bank account, no one else will be added at this time.

In November a vote was taken approving joining of the summer camp funds with Grays Harbor and Mason County Councils. An alternative plan was presented to create a NEW bank account with Grays Harbor and Mason County Councils for the purpose of summer camp funds. Mason County will contribute their summer camp balance after 2022 costs of \$11,000 to this new account.

A vote was taken; Marilyn Brennan moved to create a new OCCU account for the purpose of summer camp joint funds between Mason County and Grays Harbor County 4-H Councils at Our Community Credit Union. Gray's Harbor's EIN will open the account and Heather Doran at Mason County will manage the account and receive the statements. Account called "4-H Camp". The signers will be Dan Teuteberg, Heather Doran, Michael Bigelow, Tracie Hanson, Taylor Sample and Carrie Holcomb, Linda Howarth. Michael Bigelow seconded this motion. Vote was taken, all approved, no opposed. Motion carries and approved for a new bank account at Our Community Credit Union with a starting balance of \$11,000.

Extension updates given by Dan Teuteberg. Reporting that it is currently annual review time for WSU and he has hired 2 new people in Mason County to fill the roles of Master Gardener/Small Farms coordinator and Noxious Weeds. Dan will be completing Lead21 this year and appreciates the support of his staff and councils. Dan is currently working on a large funded grant to expand broadband in our state to rural communities.

Upcoming Dates:

1/12 Camp planning committee, 6pm <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97557445495>

1/16 WSU Extension office closed, MLK Jr Day

## Committee Reports

- Summer Camp (July 8-13) Finance update (account/signers) was discussed and voted upon. Counselor training has started. A total of 100 campers will be our goal for the year.

We discussed adding a second week of camp, and have decided to wait till next year to pursue.

- Robotics (1st Wed monthly).
- Clover Kids: resuming February. Looking for a second leader and location to officially start. Meeting space is hard to come by in Mason County. Additional grant application to support this program is being submitted. The budget line item for this is "outreach".
- Fair (August 2-6): Committee members needed we have started planning. Returning to a 5 day fair. Looking into judges training. Marilyn suggested meeting this month and Heather will follow up to schedule with last years committee. Looking for additional people: Melissa and Marilyn said they would be interested in helping – thank you! Will get information to Melissa to share with Barn Bums.

New Business: Voting by all enrolled 4-H volunteers and youth members present.

- Panhandle Camp Board: Leanne Gunter as Mason Rep – Michael Bigelow (as a current Mason County representative on the Panhandle Board) brought Leanne's application to us to be considered as another board member representation mason county. Discussion was had about process. A motion was made by Katie Gunter to approve Leanne Gunter as a mason county representative on the panhandle camp board. Melissa Seals seconded. **Vote** was taken – all approved, no opposed. Motion carries to approve Leanne Gunter.

Other Business

- Committee sign ups – please consider joining a committee. These are the planners not doing it all, we need Mason County representation!
- No proposed changes were made to our bylaws. Discussion to adopt as written, approved. We will not make changes this year, Wendy Vance as new president will sign existing bylaws. <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2064/2022/03/Bylaws-Mason-County-4-H-Council-12.14.21.pdf>
- Heather will see if we can reserve Public Works for the future council meeting dates, everyone enjoyed having an in person option again.

Club Updates:

- Barn Bums: Lots of new members joining. They will be leading public presentations locally in our county for all 4-H youth to participate. Also working on record keeping. Marilyn has offered to hold a record keeping workshop, which will need to happen before she travels in April.
- Steamboat Island 4-H: This club has grown a lot. Many new volunteers leading projects. Focusing on public presentations, kitchen demonstrations, art, sewing, baking and soon archery. Club has done a few community service projects.
- Teen Leadership: new club, would love to have any youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade up to join. They can be counselors (9<sup>th</sup> grade up) or counselors in training for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. You don't have to come to summer camp to participate. Bowling event was a lot of fun on January 8, had 20 potential counselors join and 9 counselors in training are interested.

President Updates:

- Wendy shared with us her vision for the upcoming year as the new president. She has a strong focus on club creation and finding new members.
- Would like clubs to continue to come to the council meetings to stay informed. Has offered to come to club meetings and introduce herself and see how she can help.
- Volunteer recruitment continues to be a focus.

- Some ideas will be coming about how to spend some of the outreach money to increase awareness and encourage new families to join us.

Next meeting will be February 7 at 6pm.