

Mason County 4-H Council meeting minutes - March 14 2023- Mason Co. Public Works meeting room.

Those present: Wendy Vance, Marilyn Brennan, Alyssa Hanson, Melissa Seals, Katie Gunter, Michael Bigelow, Mckenzie Vance, Evie Hanson, Bella Hanson, Natalie Seals, Pam Pettingill, Heather Doran.

- * **Meeting called to order** by President Wendy Vance @ 6:14 pm. Pledges recited.
- * **Minutes of February meeting approved.**
- * **Treasurer's report (Michael Bigelow & Heather Doran)..see full published report on web page.**

- General fund balance= \$8,957.16
- A sub-account for archery program has been created
- The previously agreed upon fund handling for Summer Camp is not possible, so

Mason County 4-H will create a separate account under our name & EIN. All camp funds will go through this new account. All 4-H Fair finances will be handled by Grays Harbor 4-H...we will move our portion of funds for fair (such as Fair Entry fee) to Grays Harbor as needed.

- Two new enrollment fee scholarship requests have been granted.

* **Extension Updates-**

United Way Dessert Auction coming up on May 12...clubs encouraged to prepare baked items to be auctioned. Heather mentioned that the 4-H member-made items at last year's event were very popular. The council agreed to donate a Coffee/Tea gift basket to auction with a \$75.00 limit. Katie Gunter made the motion, Michael Bigelow seconded, motion voted on, and motion carried. Clubs may contact Heather for more information.

- * **Outreach-** Heather reported that Mason Co. 4-H was awarded a \$10,000 (that amount to cover a two-year period) grant for outreach activities/events. !!!!

This might be helpful in starting a Tech Changemakers program in our county, as well as supporting our current and new outreach activities over the next two years. We discussed future possibilities for outreach.y

- * **Incentives for club participation-** A long discussion/brainstorming session regarding the lack of representation of clubs to the council meetings...Should we provide clubs that regularly attend with a monetary award? We tabled a final decision until April meeting.

- * **Taylor Shellfish** will allow tours for 4-H groups...contact Wendy Vance for more information. It was asked if they would allow a service-learning opportunity for the youth...Wendy will ask. More information to be announced soon.

- * **Public Presentations-** Melissa Seals (Barn Bums) will be heading up the County Public Presentation Day, hopefully during Clover days at Tractor Supply...Heather will confirm date of May 6th with Tractor Supply.

Grays Harbor is hosting Public Presentations on May 20th.

* **Club Spotlights-**

-Barn Bums reported they have been working on record books & presentations. They are also planning a club fundraiser.

- Trailblazers are working on record books and community service projects.

- Steamboat Island group is also working on presentations and record books. They offer their zoom baking meetings to ALL 4-H ers. Their next community service project involves making birthday boxes to be distributed at local Food Bank.
- * **All Club Campout at Panhandle coming in May!!!** Tracie and Heather will be creating sign-up process for volunteers that want to lead activities. Look for information and club sign-up information soon!
- * **Fair-** 4-H fair volunteers needed in all areas ...Contact Heather or Tracie.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:29 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Brennan**