

## **Mason Co. 4-H Council Meeting minutes- April 11, 2023 (via Zoom)**

**Those present:** Michael Bigelow, Al Walker, Wendy Vance, Mckenzie Vance, Lucy Teuteberg, Pam Pettingill

- \* **Meeting Called to Order @ 6:01 pm** by President Wendy Vance. Pledges were recited.
- \* **Minutes** from the March 14, 2023, meeting were approved.
- \* **Treasurer's Report:** Not available on the 4-H webpage, but Michael reported that he renewed CD #3002 at a 3% interest rate. It will mature in March 2024. The merged Grays Harbor County and Mason County 4-H Camp account is getting set up.
- \* **Main Discussion:** Should Mason County 4-H Council meetings have mandatory participation from member clubs? The council decided that incentivizing meeting attendance with money from the county council was at odds with what was perceived as a community service main stay of 4-H. The council will be asking for mandatory attendance by 1 or more representatives from each club with positive reinforcements. Michael suggested a survey of each club about ideas of positive reinforcement. Wendy will discuss the survey with Heather. Those ideas included an all-county activity 30 minutes before/after the meeting, a trophy at a set time frame for the club with the most participation over that time frame, sticker on a wall at the county office for attendance, access to the Fair volunteer sign-up earlier to get preferred time slots, and divide the Public Works meeting room in half so a club could use the facility for their own club's project meeting during our county meeting. Ideas for future activities included trivia, rock painting, and basket BINGO. Lucy will lead a baking activity at the May meeting.
- \* **Other business:**
  - United Way dessert donations due to Heather Doran by May 11.
  - April 30: due date to sign up for public presentations May 6 at Tractor Supply in Shelton and May 20 at the WSU Extension Office in Elma.
  - Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp Board of Directors needs another representative after a board member resigned. Mason County has a slot open as a 4-H representative on the Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp Board of Directors. Michael encouraged people to consider serving on the Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp Board or becoming a Mason County 4-H representative on the Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp Board.

**Meeting adjourned: 6:45 pm**

**Next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Mason County Public Works.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mckenzie & Wendy Vance