

Mason Co. 4-H Council Meeting minutes- July 18, 2023 (in-person & Zoom)

Those present: Michael Bigelow, Wendy Vance, Melissa Seals, Katie Gunter, Heather Doran

- * **Meeting Called to Order @ 6:05 pm** by President Wendy Vance. Pledges were recited.
- * **Minutes** from the May and June 2023 meetings need to be approved along with the July minutes at the August meeting as we did not have a quorum.
- * **Treasurer's Report:**
 - * \$93,330.62 for May & \$89,886.98 for June. One CD is coming due soon. The council had expenses for Early Learning Coalition, who bought a computer & had an event. Some will be reimbursed to the account & show in next month's report.
 - * Heather said there is \$33,010.71 in the Grays Harbor/Mason Counties combined camp account. They started with \$22,000, but not all camp expenses have cleared yet. She will have a detailed report soon with some ideas. We have 2 years of operating account expenses now, so we have a better idea of camp needs.
 - * We received money for 2 scholarships. We are also billing WSU for the Tractor Supply clover fundraiser, which was earmarked for camp.
 - * The agenda for August will include budget & bylaws discussions for next year.
- * **Extension:** Broadband grant just wrapped up. The work continues locally & across WA. Mason County 4-H Tech Changemakers members will be trying to plug into the broadband work. Work on the club kit continues. Research wrapped up in WA & WI. Dan & colleagues are looking at the data to make updates. The club kit is going national. Heather is in the process of creating a password protected website (under Mason Co's website) for club kit information for the nation.
- * **President's Corner:** Wendy spent time putting together a list of businesses from Mason & North Mason Chamber of Commerce for the recognition committee. Michael said to check with the Mason Chamber to see if they can broadcast any messages. Heather mentioned we are the lowest tier on the chamber membership roster.
- * **Club Spotlight:** Barn Bums worked on posters for the fair. They also used bake sale money to have T-shirts for members. Heather said she would like the information for Mason County swag orders. Steamboat Island had a meeting to do final presentations and announcements. Grays Harbor is hosting a cowboy breakfast at the fair. Mason also advertised their BINGO night.
- * **Committees**
 - * **Camp:** 97 campers, 27 counselors, 30 adults. There was good weather and most things went off without a hitch. Heather already has ideas including needing more volunteers. Planning starts again for 2024 in October 2023. The committee is planning to do an early 4-H registration for 4-H families & past campers, due by Dec 1, with others signing up by Apr 1. There were 119 4-H members in Mason Co & 29 of those went to camp. We discussed if we need to put scholarship "requirements," so we do not have "4-H members" who never participate in anything except camp. Suggested we could either have X number of scholarships for non 4-H members & the rest for 4-H members. More discussion is needed.

- * **Recognition Committee:** July 26 is the next meeting, but Natalie & Melissa will not be there. Dan & Lucy are gone 8/14-9/4. Heather will talk to Tracie about taking money. Michael said we need to be careful we do not raise over \$5000. We plan to charge \$5/BINGO card. Wendy mentioned potentially having a QR code on the poster for advertisement. Kids could walk around with the QR code to sponsor them for 4-H enrollment or a camp scholarship. Our goal is to get people from the community to show up. We also want to use this as a club enrollment “meeting.” Melissa mentioned advertising with the new radio station. Also, Shelton Talks was mentioned. A suggestion was to ask Dan about Tech Changemakers to see if anyone could help with 4-H sign-ups on Oct. 1. Discussed seeing when the Chamber of Commerce has their meetings & have Sr. 4-H members do a little presentation, or with Mason County Commissioners. When do we ask for awards? We decided to start that anytime. Heather already has a Google form we can use.
- * **Fair:** August 2-5. Fair volunteer meeting 7/19 @ Pavilion. Tracie had a meeting with all superintendents & stressing it is about kids. Animals are already registered. 1000 fair entries received already. Still life: In 2022, 1 out of every 3 entries was from Mason Co. We need to promote more still life entries. Discussed making a concerted effort to work toward potential requirements for building skills such as record books, service, public speaking, etc. This can be done individually or as a club. Discussed how that could be done gradually to build responsibility.
- * Could the council support volunteer snacks at the fair? We agreed to up to \$300. Heather said she has a Costco cart of about \$150 currently, but she may add to it.
- * 4-H poster A-frame investment for advertisement. Already budgeted.
- * **Other business:**
 - * We discussed enrollments & cracking down on the dates:
 - * December 1 is the enrollment deadline.
 - * April 1 is new member deadline?
 - * 119 members in Mason County, 40 adult volunteers

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 pm

Next meeting scheduled for August 8, 2023, virtually.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Vance